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Hannah Leibowitz, wife of philosopher Yeshayahu Leibowitz, receives condolences at her husband's funeral yesterday in Jerusalem. *(Stein/Harari)*

Freed Palestinians may be allowed to rebuild homes

Peres to meet Arafat today in Gaza

DAVID MAKOVSKY

FREED Palestinian prisoners and returning deportees might be allowed to rebuild or unseal homes that the IDF demolished or closed off, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO chief negotiator Nabil Shaath said in a joint statement yesterday.

Peres meets with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in Gaza this afternoon, and the two will then be joined by visiting Norwegian Foreign Minister Bjorn Tore Godal. The meeting is primarily meant to celebrate the first anniversary of the secret initialing of the Oslo accord, facilitated by Norway.

During a meeting with Godal in Jerusalem yesterday, Peres said he would also inform Arafat today that Israel will transfer 75% of all tax revenues the civil administration has collected to the Palestinian Authority once the authority establishes a tax collection agency, according to participants in the meeting.

Section eight of the three-page joint statement issued by Peres and Shaath in Alexandria early yesterday reads: "The opening of sealed houses and the rebuilding of destroyed houses of persons released from prison and deportees who have returned is under review by Israel."

Between 243 and 249 prisoners are due to be released today. (Story, Page 2)

According to B'tselem, since the start of the intifada, the IDF has blown up 434 Palestinian homes, 191 of them in Gaza. It has sealed 314 homes, 82 in Gaza.

It was not clear if Israel would pay for any of the home reconstruction costs.

Israeli and Palestinian representatives have been meeting in Casablanca to discuss the final-status issue, a source close to the talks told Reuter yesterday. The talks, which began on Monday, were due to end last night.

The two sides also discussed borders, settlements and the future of Jerusalem, the source said.

In Alexandria, the two sides also urged the wrap-up of negotiations on transfer of civilian authority in four spheres throughout the territories in a week from now. A fifth category, education, will be transferred to the Palestinians on August 29 as a gesture before the start of the school year.

Officials suggest that until $30-$40 million in international funding is available for the transfer of authority, Israel will pay ongoing Palestinian educational expenses from the 25% of Palestinian tax revenues it will retain.

Peres also informed Godal yesterday that Israel would transfer NIS 350 million of Palestinian

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Philosopher Yeshayahu Leibowitz dies

HAIM SHAPIRO and news agencies

HUNDREDS of academic, religious and political figures yesterday attended the funeral of Prof. Yeshayahu Leibowitz, scholar, theologian and gadfly, whose outspoken views engendered respect and controversy in equal measure.

Leibowitz, who was 91, was found dead of a heart attack in his home in Jerusalem early yesterday morning.

President Ezer Weizman, describing Leibowitz as "our spiritual conscience" said he was "one of the great figures in the lives of the Jewish people and Israel, a humanist, a scientist, a philosopher and a pathfinder."

In his eulogy for his father, Ilya Leibowitz, a mathematician, recalled how Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had criticized his father's nomination for the 1993 Israel Prize, because the elder Leibowitz had called on IDF soldiers not to serve in the territories.

Three hundred years earlier, he said, there had been another Yitzhak, Isaac Newton, who noted that all he had achieved was because he stood on the shoulders of those who preceded him.

Without detracting from Rabin's accomplishments, Leibowitz said, the prime minister's diplomatic achievements in the last year came only because he, too, stood on the shoulders of giants, the greatest of whom was Yeshayahu Leibowitz.

Leibowitz was a deeply observant Jew who decried the loss of faith among Israelis, but he urged the separation of religion and state, saying the mix of the two would lead to fascism.

His most consistent religious message was that the service of God must be for its own sake, divorced of any worldly aims like human perfection or national redemption.

Leibowitz recently said that the Western Wall, the single remnant of the Temple, was a "disco," and that he would gladly return the site to the Arabs.

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Peres objects to Barak's Golan claims

FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres, taking aim at comments by Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak, said yesterday an Israeli pullback on the Golan Heights is necessary for peace with Syria.

"I do not believe, to be honest and direct, that it is possible to reach a time of peace without movements on the Golan Heights," Peres said.

Late Wednesday night, Barak told Israeli reporters in the Washington that "From a professional military standpoint, as long as there is no peace we need every meter of the Golan Heights, and also at a time of peace we had better stay on the Golan Heights."

DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

Barak spoke after discussing with senior US defense officials the security implications of a future peace with Syria. His remarks were broadcast by Israel Radio yesterday.

Barak said that as an army officer he could neither determine nor assess the eventual decision of "an elected government, which is of course authorized to decide differently in shading or substance from the content of the professional position."

Yesterday Golan Heights residents welcomed Barak's comments.

"The position of the IDF over the Golan as expounded by the chief of staff proves the justification of the battle against any withdrawal from the Golan," said Uri Heitner, spokesman for the Golan Settlers Committee.

"We are delighted that the IDF

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Jail sentences for Shomrat gang rapists

DAVID RUDGE

THE Haifa District Court yesterday issued prison sentences to four men convicted of gang raping a girl in the Kibbutz Shomrat case.

Ophir Beri, of Kibbutz Shomrat, Arik Hazon, of Yavne, and Nadav Biton, from Nahariya, were each sentenced to three years' imprisonment – 15 months to be served in jail and the remainder of the term suspended for three years.

Tzafrir Tzvison, also of Kibbutz Shomrat, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment – one year to be served and the remainder suspended for three years.

The sentences were handed down by a majority decision of the panel of the three judges, Micha Lindenstrauss, Shmuel Finkelman and Bilha Gilor.

Gilor had recommended that the four be sentenced to six months' community service and that each should pay a fine of NIS 30,000.

The four, as well as two others who had been accused of involvement in the rape of a young girl at the kibbutz six years ago, were acquitted when they were tried at the Haifa District Court in November 1992.

Lindenstrauss, who presided over the trial, ruled that there was reasonable doubt and dismissed the case, sparking a public uproar.

The decision was overuled by the Supreme Court last December following an appeal by the prosecution. The court found Beri, Tzvison, Hazon and Biton guilty of being involved in a series of gang rapes of the girl, who was

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IDF kills Hizbullah gunman in security zone

AT LEAST one Hizbullah gunman was killed and two IDF soldiers were lightly wounded in a clash along the coastal road in the security zone yesterday afternoon.

News agencies reported that three Hizbullah gunmen had been killed in the encounter and a fourth captured, but the IDF spokesman only confirmed the death of one of the terrorists.

UNIFIL spokesman Timur Goksel was an eyewitness to the attack, which occurred less than two kilometers north of the headquarters of the international peacekeeping force in Nakoura.

DAVID RUDGE

"I was driving back to Nakoura when I encountered an IDF road-clearing patrol with two armored personnel carriers and several soldiers on the terrain searching the road, as they always do, for explosive devices," said Goksel.

"About two minutes after I had passed them I heard the first blast behind me and sometime later there were two more explosions. I found out later it was the patrol we had encountered and I suppose immediately after we met them they were attacked," Goksel told *The Jerusalem Post*.

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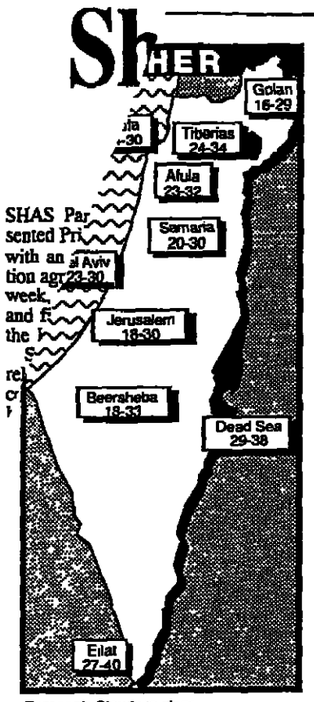
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Arafat to Meretz: I'm trying to stop terror

JON IMMANUEL

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat told a visiting delegation of Meretz MKs in Gaza yesterday that he was determined to prevent terror by Islamic militants but blamed Israel for making things difficult for him by not adhering faithfully to the Cairo agreement.

"I am completely condemning what is going on and I am doing my best to stop it," he said.

Asked if he would fight terrorism by Hamas, he said "I am not going to fight Hamas terror. I am going to prevent them from doing any terrorist actions."

MK Ran Cohen said after the meeting that he felt Arafat was "feeling under siege" but was determined to stop Islamic terror. He said Arafat told the group that "dozens of Izzadin Kassam suspects were still under arrest." This contradicts reports that all but a handful of those arrested on Monday and Tuesday after the two attacks on Israelis at Kissufim Junction had been released.

The Arabic daily *Al-Quds* yesterday quoted Gaza police chief Ghazi Jabali as denying any decision had been made to confiscate weapons held by Izzadin Kassam members, and some Israeli reports of rough interrogations had been exaggerated. He was quoted as saying armed attacks could not be prevented but the police "are keen on arresting the perpetrators."

Hamas issued a leaflet yesterday accusing the Palestinian Authority of acting as Israel's occupation police.

"The Palestinian Authority has agreed to be the security for the occupation in the Gaza Strip. The irresponsible arrests creates a major threat to the Palestinian union," the leaflet said.

The Hamas leaflet added the crackdown would not deter them from their fight against Israelis.

Arafat was particularly upset that Israel had not released more Palestinian prisoners. Israel is scheduled to release between 243 and 249 prisoners today following an agreement between Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and chief Palestinian negotiator Nabil Shaath in Alexandria Wednesday.

Including those to be released, there are 5,267 security prisoners still in detention according to the Mandela Institute, a Palestinian organization working on behalf of "political prisoners."

Arafat said that he understood Israel agreed to release more prisoners in return for a Palestinian amnesty for suspected collaborators, which he would raise with members of the Palestinian Authority council. Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, who was not at the meeting with fellow Meretz MKs yesterday, denied Israel had agreed to such a deal.

Arafat appeared more good-humored than on recent visits by Israelis. "In the past you were our cousins, but now you are our neighbors and our friends. Tell them that we are sure we will be able to take the peace of the brave," he told the group.

Following a feeling of isolation after the Israel-Jordan agreement, Israeli-Palestinian talks have now become a daily matter, evidently improving Arafat's mood.

Jordan, Israel to connect electric power grids

ISRAEL and Jordan have agreed to connect their electric power grids. The project will be executed in stages, the first of which will connect the Eilat and Akaba networks.

Work will be executed jointly by both the Israeli and Jordanian electric companies. The Energy Ministry said yesterday it viewed the move as "part of an overall plan to connect the electric networks in the entire region, which will allow trade in electricity between the two countries and more efficient management of the electricity market."

The countries agreed to accelerate negotiations toward a peace treaty after a successful first round that produced initial economic and tourism cooperation pacts.

Jordanian delegation head Fayez Tarawneh said committees on mapping the border will meet Tuesday in Israel and other groups will convene on the Jordanian Dead Sea shores later in the week.

The talks were initially to be suspended for several months.

"The continuation of negotiations means that we're serious in achieving results," Tarawneh said. He described the talks so far as "very positive and serious."

Israeli delegation head Elyakim Rubinstein said negotiators will alternate between Israel and Jordan over coming months.

The goal is a full peace treaty by year's end, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Gabi Baltiansky.

"We want to achieve a peace agreement as soon as possible," he said. "There are no major problems and we hope that...in a few months we can reach a comprehensive and a good agreement for both peoples." (AP)

Border produce market proposed to Jordanians, Page 9

Hussein takes over PLO brigade

AMMAN (AP) – King Hussein yesterday ordered a 2,000-strong Palestine Liberation Organization army unit placed under the kingdom's patronage.

The king said the move was prompted by lack of attention by the PLO, which had led to a financial crisis for the brigade and a collapse of morale among its soldiers.

In a statement carried by the state-run media, Hussein said he was responding to appeals from the brigade's commander, Brig. Mohammed Abdul-Rahim Kudssiyeh.

Kudssiyeh declined comment on his appeal.

The unit, officially known as the Badr Forces, has been stationed in Jordan under the command of the PLO for nearly 12 years.

It is supposed to be part of a Palestinian police force that would enter the territories after an eventual Israeli withdrawal under peace terms with the PLO.

The development could further strain relations between Jordan and the PLO.

Hussein's statement announcing Jordan's assumption of care for the Badr Forces was addressed to Prime Minister Abdel-Salam Majali and directed him to care for the brigade and provide its training and funding. He said Kudssiyeh had complained that his unit was being neglected by the PLO.

"The commander of the brigade has pointed out that .... his unit is undergoing the severest difficulties it has ever faced," Hussein said.

"It is suffering paralysis resulting from lack of funds, which has resulted in the forced discharged of its recruits, the undermining of its morale and its destruction as an effective military unit," he said.

A senior official of the Badr Forces told The Associated Press that the PLO has not paid many of the unit's soldiers' salaries and other expenses since the beginning of the year.

The Badr Forces is part of the Palestine Liberation Army.

Jordanian opposition: Peace won't help economy

AMMAN (AP) – Hard-liners opposed to Jordan's pursuit of a peace settlement with Israel yesterday accused the government of "spreading delusions" by claiming that peace with Israel would lead to economic prosperity.

The Jordanians should "consider all those who cooperate with the Zionist enemy as outside the law, and subject to punishment," said a joint statement by nine groups with ideologies ranging from fundamentalism to communism.

Included in yesterday's statement were The Islamic Action Front, the political arm of Jordan's most powerful Islamic fundamentalist group, the Moslem Brotherhood Movement.

The hard-liners yesterday warned that economic cooperation with Israel would turn the kingdom into "a source of cheap labor for the Israelis and a captive market for their goods."

Winning numbers

In last night's Payis Hazak drawing, the holder of ticket number 635500 won NIS 1,000,000.

The holder of ticket number 416585 won a Honda sports car.

Tickets numbered 176476, 463440, 160156, 622515, 863195, 757899, 873634, 799536, 455479, 489457, 325599, 602564, 851751, 706019, 639178, 173901, 124190, 133344, 265533, 532604, 214575, 430556, 052404, 434465, 808123 and 639978 won NIS 5,000.

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Tickets ending in 404, 815, 711, and 721 won NIS 100.

Tickets ending in 44, 32, 00 and 47 won NIS 20.

Tickets ending in 60, 21, 65, 35, 38, 80 and 19 won NIS 10.

Tickets ending in 0 won NIS 7.

Winning cards

The winning cards in yesterday's Chance game were the 10 of spades, jack of hearts, ace of diamonds and queen of clubs.

PALESTINIANS

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pensions once the Palestinian Authority establishes an institution similar to the National Insurance Institute.

Israel fears that if the money is transferred before this, it could be diverted by the Palestinian Authority for operational expenses, officials say.

The Alexandria joint statement also makes clear that Palestinian liaison officers may begin working at the Allenby and Rafiah terminals alongside Israelis. Israel will try to cut down on the waiting time for those Palestinians entering the terminals. According to the Israel-PLO implementation accord, new terminals are supposed to be constructed in both locations to deal with new entry and security procedures.

Joining Peres, Arafat, and Godal in Gaza today will be three Norwegians who were substantively involved in the Oslo talks: Deputy Foreign Minister Jan Egeland, Norwegian academic and now UN coordinator for programs in Gaza Terje Larsen, and Larsen's wife, Norwegian diplomat Mona Juul, who both helped create the channel and sustained it through months of arduous diplomacy.

In yesterday's Peres-Godal meeting, the Norwegian promised that his country would work this fall to eliminate old anti-Israel resolutions still on the books of the UN General Assembly and replace them with resolutions supportive of current Middle East peace efforts.

Participants said yesterday that Godal was keen on having Norway develop a data base on Middle East water problems. He said that his country would host a seminar on water by the end of next month, and it hopes to have Syrian academics attend.

Peres praised the Norwegians' contribution to Middle East peace, saying the Oslo Accord has become a landmark in world politics.

"The atmosphere they have created, their devotion in such a sincere way and manner to promote peace all over the world and particularly in our region, has really started a revolution in the Middle East," Peres said.

HIZBULLAH

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Military sources said an explosive device was detonated alongside the patrol, which was moving from Rosh Hanikra towards Ras Bayyada, lightly wounding two of the soldiers.

Simultaneously the troops came under fire from the gunmen who had apparently operated the roadside bomb. The soldiers returned fire and charged, killing one of the gunmen. The rest of the attackers fled.

Widespread searches were launched with the aid of Cobra helicopter gunships to try and track down the attackers, who left behind a large quantity of equipment including more explosives, a LAW anti-tank missile launcher, an M-16 rifle, hand grenades and a grenade launcher, as well as ammunition and food supplies.

OC Northern Command Maj. Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai went to the scene and debriefed the troops involved at the scene. The two wounded soldiers were transferred to the Nahariya government hospital for treatment.

Goksel said it was the first roadside bomb attack he could recall so close to Nakoura. "On the other hand, we are constantly facing the danger of roadside bombs and ambushes on the roads we are using in the security zone so this is really nothing new, but being a bit close to home it makes us think a bit more," he said.

Hizbullah, in a statement issued in Beirut, claimed responsibility for the attack which occured shortly before 2 p.m. Shortly afterwards Hizbullah gunners fired several mortar rounds towards IDF and SLA positions.

PERES

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is not blindly following the government but is looking at the question of the Golan objectively and from the professional point of view," he said.

Heitner said Barak in his comments had underlined the strategic importance of the Golan in terms of the state's security.

In a statement yesterday the settlers committee said the battle to retain Israeli sovereignty over the Golan was in reality a battle to ensure the security of the state.

The committee called on the government to show the necessary responsibility and ensure that the Golan Heights remains in Israel's hands in any peace agreement reached with Syria – in accordance with the IDF's position.

"I think it will now be very difficult for the government to go against the IDF's stance on such and important security issue. I think it will also be extremely difficult for the government to try to persuade the public to go along with something that is contrary to the army's stance," Heitner added.

SHOMRAT

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just over 14 at the time, by force, threats and by degrading her. The acquittal of the other two accused was upheld.

The Supreme Court referred the case back to the Haifa District Court for sentencing.

The victim's father, who was at the court hearing yesterday, said the sentences were a victory for justice. He said his daughter, who left Kibbutz Shomrat after the incident, was standing up to what had happened to her and was now working, but there was little satisfaction for them after six long years of suffering.

Avi Hazon, father of Arik Hazon, charged after the sentencing that the defendants had been the victims of a "public lynch."

The defense lawyers announced that they would appeal the sentences, especially in light of the split decision among the judges. The court agreed to defer implementation of the prison terms until October 18, the last date for submitting an appeal.

Kibbutz Shomrat yesterday issued a statement saying it fully accepted the court's decision and would continue giving support to the families of all those involved.

The kibbutz has been helping the victim and her family to overcome the trauma and to try to start a new life, while also giving support to the families of the defendants and the youths, who have completed their army service since the case first came to light.

Sasha Sadan adds:

More incidents of rape and other sexual assault, particularly between acquaintances, may be reported now, the Israel Women's Network said yesterday in response to the sentencing.

Miriam Isserow, legal coordinator for the network, noted that the courts "once again abstained from imposing the maximum sentence for rape [20 years in prison] but is not letting them get off, which reinforces the meaning of its earlier ruling on what constitutes consent [from a woman]."

Isserow said that according to the 1993 annual report of the country's rape crisis centers, the assailant is unknown to the victim in only 16% of cases.

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Canadian board to discuss 'refugees'

BATSHEVA TSUR

ARE Israeli citizens who emigrate to Canada refugees?

This question will be discussed today when the Canadian immigration and refugee appeal board convenes in Montreal to hear the testimony of expert witnesses with regard to the large number of Israelis originally from the CIS who have requested refugee status in Canada.

The board decided several months ago to discuss the matter because of the large number of applicants for refugee status and not as a result of media reports on the subject, Canadian Ambassador Norman Spector said yesterday.

The legal experts who are to testify include Lynda Brayer, executive legal director of the Society of St. Ives, a legal resource center operating under the auspices of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. She has presented the Canadians with most of the affidavits that served as the basis for the claims of refugee status.

In the affidavits, Brayer describes legal discrimination in Israel as being comparable with that under the former apartheid regime in South Africa.

Also due to give testimony is a Canadian human-rights expert, Prof. Irwin Cotler, who has spent the past two weeks here examining whether there is any state-sanctioned persecution in Israel and if so, what legal remedies are available.

The third expert is former Meretz Party activist, lawyer Jonathan Livne, who has represented numerous immigrants from the CIS on a volunteer basis in Israeli courts.

"The board is a quasi-judicial body, independent of government criticism," Spector said yesterday. "It receives requests for refugee status even from the US and examines them on a case-by-case basis."

He added: "Neither the Canadian government, nor a foreign government [Israel] has the right to criticize it or intervene – just as they would not intervene with Supreme Court decisions."

But Israeli government officials denied there had been interference, and said that the board had actually requested position papers from Israel.

Spector also criticized the publicity here on the subject, saying it was very poorly received in Canada.

"This is particularly ironic when Israel has no equivalent system to accept refugees according to the UN convention, and often turns to Canada to take in genuine refugees who are in fear of their lives," he said.

Spector said, however, that he had conveyed to his government that he had not seen state-sponsored persecution of former CIS olim in Israel.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Rafi Gamzu yesterday downplayed talk of tension between the two countries.

He said Canada was entitled to absorb Israelis in its regular immigrant quotas and that Israel's only objection was to the declaration of these emigrants as "refugees," which casts this country in an unfair light.



One of the contestants shows off her prowess at a kite-flying contest held yesterday at the Israel museum in Jerusalem. (Isaac Harari)

High-class hookers may have to declare earnings

RAINE MARCUS

HIGH-CLASS prostitutes who until now have enjoyed tax-free earnings may be forced to declare their income to authorities, tax sources said yesterday.

One such woman, who said she has worked for Tel Aviv escort agencies for the past three years, complained that if she had to register with tax authorities she would also demand social benefits.

"If I have to pay tax on my earnings, then authorities should also ensure I get proper health care services and other social benefits," said Rahel, who added she earns from NIS 200 - NIS 500 per client, usually visiting them in their hotel rooms.

The move follows raids by tax officials on Tel Aviv escort agencies over the past few days. Owners of such agencies, said investigators, have defrauded tax authorities out of millions of shekels.

"Every escort agency in the city will be investigated, and owners will have to start paying taxes, just as other companies do," said a tax official.

Yesterday two owners of escort agencies were released on bail by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court. Levana Avigezer, 36, has managed over the past two and a half years call-girl services under such names as "Paradise" and "Alma," and is the former business partner of Kach activists turned pimps Assaf and Etzmon Rosenberg, investigator Sassi Cohen said in court. The Rosenberg brothers were questioned and released on bail on Wednesday.

Investigators seized hundreds of documents, including index cards listing names of call girls, from Avigezer's home/office. She also failed to pay taxes on her employees' earnings, said Cohen. Avigezer, the mother of a small child, said she only earned around NIS 6,000 - NIS 7,000 monthly and had to pay apartment rental, bills and expenses for her child.

"I don't have the cash to put up bail," she said.

Judge Yehudit Shevach set bail at NIS 60,000 and barred her from leaving the country.

Avigezer's boyfriend, Shimon Sa'ar, suspected of failing to pay hundreds of shekels in taxes on earnings from escort agencies, was released on NIS 100,000 bail and ordered to forfeit his passport.

He told investigators he collected NIS 100 in commission from every NIS 350 charged to clients. The call girl keeps the remaining amount.

He admitted tax evasion offenses in the sum of NIS 600,000, said Cohen.

Court rejects request to ban teaching of peace process in schools

THE High Court of Justice yesterday rejected a petition by lawyer David Mintz and his wife, Varda, seeking a temporary injunction against the Education Ministry regarding the theme of the upcoming school year, "The Peace Process – Israel in the Middle East."

The couple live in Judea and have three children in the school system. They claimed the subject was a political and controversial one, and that opening the schools to political discussions posed a danger to democracy.

Justices Dov Levin, Aharon Barak and Mishael Cheshin rejected the petition, stating that the material prepared by the Education Ministry which was presented to the court was balanced.

The justices added that the Mintz's claim insults the intelligence of the nation's youth, who are capable of discussing and studying controversial subjects. They added that any teacher was capable of teaching such subjects.

The justices also said that the manner in which the petitioner sought to have some subjects barred from discussion in the schools was more in keeping with a totalitarian regime than a democratic one.

Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein welcomed the decision, saying, "The High Court only strengthened the argument that we must not be afraid of including subjects in the news for discussion in our schools, on condition that the discussion is fair and not used for propaganda purposes.

"We cannot ignore the peace process and Israel's position in the Middle East, particularly now. Moreover, when the court rules that the material distributed to the schools is balanced, it confirms that the Education Ministry has prepared for the study of the subject in a very responsible way, with special care paid to my instructions, and with sensitivity to the different views held by the Israeli public."

(Itim)

Warder's remand extended in murder, suicide attempt

PRISONS Service warder Pinchas Abukasis, who shot and killed his girlfriend, Mazal Zana Wednesday before trying to commit suicide, had his remand extended yesterday by five days by a Beersheba Magistrate's Court judge.

The judge also ordered an autopsy performed on Zana, who was shot to death at the Sapir Center in the Arava.

Abukasis, who is unconscious and hospitalized under police guard at Soroka Hospital, was to have had his remand hearing at his bedside, but he was still unconscious when the hearing was to have been held.

A police representative gave Judge Yosef Eliaz a note from a hospital doctor confirming that Abukasis had been anesthetized for an operation and it was unclear when he would regain consciousness. Police told the judge that in view of the circumstances, they would make do with a remand of a few more days, and Eliaz agreed.

Meanwhile, the Wizo women's organization announced yesterday that it had proposed an amendment to the firearms law which would require testing of the emotional state of those granted gun licenses.

The request follows several recent incidents of women being murdered by their husbands or boyfriends.

The organization said that the fact that the recent killings were carried out by two policemen and a civilian carrying a licensed weapon should serve to warn of the danger in granting gun licenses to emotionally disturbed people.

(Itim)

Duke of Edinburgh to make short visit soon

BATSHEVA TSUR

BRITAIN'S Prince Phillip is to pay a short visit to Israel at the invitation of Yad Vashem. He will be received by President Ezer Weizman and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The Duke of Edinburgh will arrive here before the end of the year, the the Foreign Ministry spokesman confirmed yesterday, but it is not yet clear whether the visit will take place on the proposed date of October 30.

Yad Vashem invited the prince to receive the Righteous Gentile award in the name of his mother, the late Princess Alice of Greece, who saved a Jewish family during World War II.

Princess Alice gave instructions to hide members of the Cohen family in a room in the palace in Athens, according to Dr. Mordechai Palzur of Yad Vashem. The Cohens had been friendly with the Greek monarchs before the Nazi occupation and some of them escaped to Egypt where they joined the Greek forces.

Princess Alice arranged for the remaining family members to receive a room in the palace which was guarded 24 hour a day and for food to be brought to them. The guard was instructed not to ask any questions.

The Jewish family remained in the palace under Princess Alice's protection for almost a year, until the Nazis left Athens in October 1944, Palzur said. Two of the Cohens' children are believed to be living in Paris today.

While in Jerusalem, the prince will pay a visit to the grave of his mother who is buried in the Greek Orthodox cemetery of the Gethsemane Church.

Top Zanzibar politician coming Sunday

A LEADING political figure from Zanzibar is due to arrive here on Sunday to explore the possibility of establishing economic ties between that mainly Moslem area and Israel.

Isaac Sepetu, the Minister of Planning of Zanzibar, an autonomous region within Tanzania, will be the guest of Economics Minister Shimon Shetreet. During the four-day visit, he will also hold talks with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and meet with the heads of local industries.

Tanzania, in East Africa, does not have diplomatic ties with Israel. *Batsheva Tsur*

Man held for corrupting teen with drugs

A Tel Aviv man who is suspected of corrupting a 14-year-old girl by giving her drugs and then having sex with her will appear in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court for a remand hearing today.

But police said they feared the girl would be too afraid of reprisals to testify against the 22-year-old man.

The girl's father alerted police to the matter after he smelled hashish coming from his daughter's room. When he entered the room, three men escaped through an open window. The father persuaded his daughter to explain what had been happening and then filed a complaint with police.

The man, known to police for drugs offenses, is suspected of showing the girl how to use drugs and then taking advantage of her sexually. *Raine Marcus*

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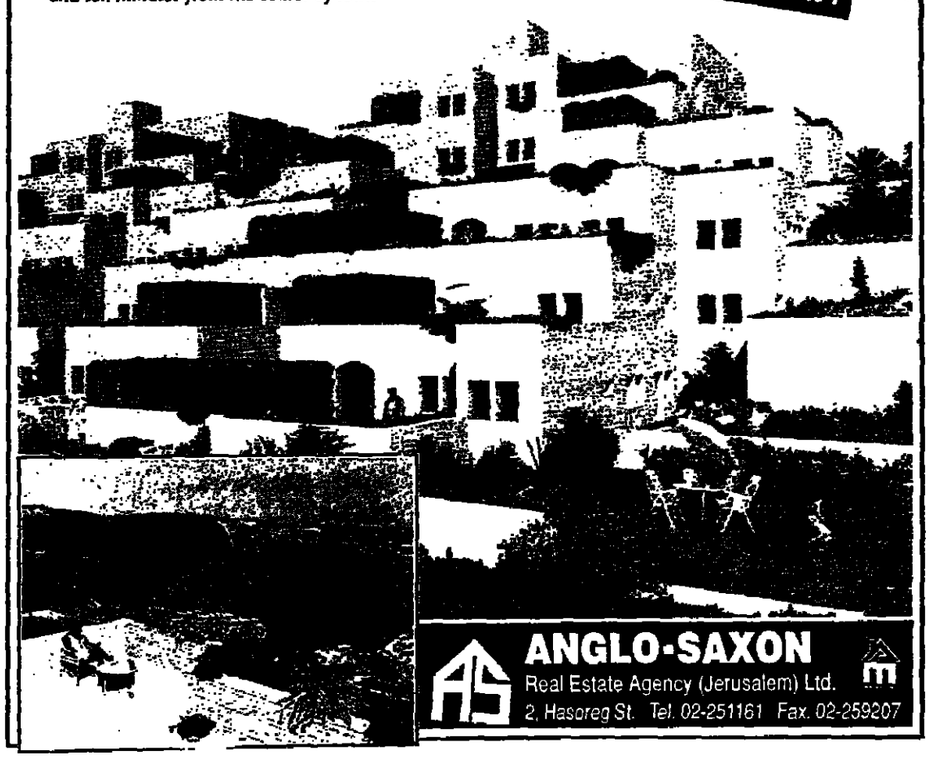
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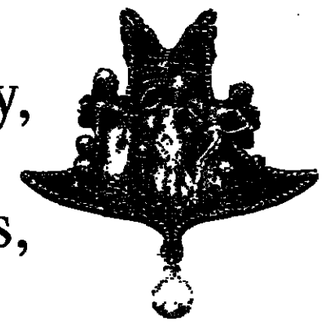


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A stern prophet who fascinated the nation

IT may have been just as well that Yeshayahu Leibowitz decided not to become a doctor after receiving a medical degree in 1934. Had his bedside demeanor resembled his subsequent public demeanor, a patient with a stubbed toe might have considered himself lucky to escape with amputation below the knee.

Prof. Leibowitz, who died yesterday at the age of 91, was distinguished by his predilection for hard and controversial observations that made him into a public figure that has held the nation in uncomprehending fascination for a generation.

Born in Riga, Latvia, in 1903 to a prosperous timber merchant, Leibowitz had a privileged youth, studying with private tutors. As a child, he excelled in family quizzes on Hebrew and politics. But he later told his grandchildren that he always lost quizzes on religious subjects to his younger sister Nechama, today considered one of the greatest living Bible scholars.

After the Germans occupied Riga in 1917, the family moved to Germany, where he studied chemistry and philosophy at the University of Berlin and biochemistry at the Kaiser Wilhelm Academy. Armed with a doctorate, he continued studies in medicine in Cologne and Heidelberg – "just for the knowledge," he once explained.

He received German citizenship but left the country in 1933 when Hitler rose to power. The following year he received his medical degree from the University of Basel and emigrated to Palestine where, in 1935, he began teaching chemistry at Hebrew University. He remain a full-time faculty member for the following 34 years, taking time out only for a stint as an officer during the War of Independence. While teaching, he also served for a number of years as editor-in-chief of the Encyclopedia Judaica.

"He was not a great scientist, but he was one of the best teachers at the Hebrew University," a colleague said, in an interview for a profile of Leibowitz last year. "People would come from all departments to hear him."

Despite his retirement from the Hebrew University in 1970, he continued to teach the philosophy of science there, and continued to write and lecture until his death.

It was following the Six Day War that he emerged into the national consciousness in his angry prophet mode. Israel's domination of the Palestinians, he warned in January 1968, would within a short time turn Israel into a Levantine country, with no Jewish farmers or laborers. He believed the issue of the territories would eventually lead to civil war.

In the years since, Leibowitz continued to shock, outrage, and astonish audiences. He dismissed Golda Meir as "that old, and very evil, woman," David Ben-Gurion was "a hater of Jewish history," and the Western Wall was a "religious disco."

He urged a separation of religion and state, and frequently called on soldiers to refuse to serve in the territories, and once referred to IDF soldiers as "Judeo-Nazis." He would tell national-religious audiences that there is no religious obligation to live in Eretz Yisrael, and once called the Chief Rabbinate "the concubine of the state."

He was nominated for the 1993 Israel Prize for his life's work, but the controversy the nomination generated eventually led him to refuse the award. In 1990, he was named a Distinguished Citizen of Jerusalem, a citation that also engendered a public outcry.

His greatest pleasure, he told an interviewer during the Israel Prize controversy, are his grandchildren, more than a score of them. He was also known to take great pride in his six children, all of whom had doctorates. His eldest son, Uri, and his youngest son, Elhanan, both professors, predeceased him.

He was a regular at daily services at Jerusalem's Yeshurun Synagogue and played an active part in synagogue life. At the same time, he was an avid moviegoer.

Leibowitz leaves his wife, Hannah, two sons, and two daughters.

Abraham Rabinovich and Itim



The late Professor Yeshayahu Leibowitz. (Reuter)

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In the same breath, however, he said the existence of Christian churches in the vicinity of the Western Wall deeply pained him. He despised Christianity, blaming it for centuries of persecution of the Jews.

Leibowitz emerged as a voice of dissent in 1967, when he warned that Israel's triumphs in the Six-Day War would turn to ashes unless it quickly withdrew from the territories.

"I wrote on the seventh day that this brilliant military victory will prove to be a historical and political disaster for the state of Israel," Leibowitz once said.

He called on Israeli soldiers to refuse to serve in the territories, and believed the issue of the territories could lead the country to civil war.

"Our problem is not to liberate the Palestinians, our problem is to liberate Israel from this curse," Leibowitz told The Associated Press last year.

His nomination for the Israel Prize, generated such controversy that he eventually refused to accept it.

Still, despite Rabin's criticism of the nomination, Leibowitz in an interview with *Ha'aretz* two weeks ago Rabin as "Israel's De Gaulle," making the necessary hard political and diplomatic decisions.

Likud MK Dan Meridor who attended the funeral, said that he had not agreed with many of Leibowitz's views, but that his words always had cultural and moral depth.

Right-wing thinker Yisrael Eldad, who often debated with Leibowitz, refused to accept the Distinguished Citizen of Jerusalem award in 1990 when he learned it was to be shared with Leibowitz. Yesterday, however, Eldad said that he would feel the loss of his old debating partner, whom he referred to as "Yashi."

"In private conversation he was a good friend," Eldad said.

LEIBOWITZ

Speaking of Leibowitz yesterday, Hebrew University Prof. Aviezer Ravitzky described him as an "anti-theological theologian." Leibowitz, he said, made the religious public rethink basic issues, even if they did not agree with him.

Ravitzky noted that Leibowitz had lectured in no less than five faculties at the Hebrew University, on a wide range of subjects. Ravitzky also referred to Leibowitz as an expert on Maimonides.

Labor MK Avraham Burg described Leibowitz as "my moral compass," and said he was the most important person in his spiritual life.

Burg said that he most of his actions were guided by the teachings of Leibowitz, whom he had first met in their neighborhood synagogue in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Yehuda Amital, the leader of the Meimad movement, said that although Leibowitz had deeply enriched religious thinking, he felt that Leibowitz's referring to IDF soldiers as "Judeo-Nazis" had been a serious mistake.

Former Ashkenazi chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren declined to make any statement about Leibowitz, saying he did not want to speak badly of the dead. Several other right-wing figures responded similarly.

Saudi company to help construct photo-satellite

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE United States has approved the participation of a Saudi company in a project for the manufacture of a photo-satellite, despite the objections of Israel and the CIA.

The Saudi company joined as an equity investor in the consortium of three companies already working on the EYEGLASS satellite. In return for its investment, the company will be provided with satellite services.

The EYEGLASS satellite can view objects as small as one meter.

The US Army and the CIA opposed a Saudi role in the project, but the US Commerce Department supported its participation, finally approving the company's investment.

Saudi satellite battle is another AWACS affair

ANALYSIS

GERALD M. STEINBERG

SAUDI Arabia's efforts to gain access to a highly accurate photo-satellite from the United States may trigger a conflict reminiscent of the 1981 AWACS affair. As in the case of the AWACS, the satellite project involves hundreds of millions of dollars, very sophisticated technology and the potential for major damage to Israel's national security.

The process began in early 1994, when the US government approved a request to license the sale of remote-sensing satellite services and technology. For many years the costs of these systems, such as LANDSAT, grew, while competition from the French SPOT satellite, as well as Russian systems, cut revenues. The US decided to privatize the development and operation of these satellites. Three firms, Litton-Itek, G.D.E., and Orbital Sciences, formed a consortium to build the EYEGLASS satellite.

After beginning project development, this consortium found that the market was very limited. The Saudis decided to buy an equity stake, and the firms that are involved, as well as the US Commerce Department, have an intense economic interest in keeping the Saudis in the project.

For Israel, the key issue is the potential strategic impact. With EYEGLASS, objects as small as one meter can be identified. (In comparison, the LANDSAT has a resolution of about 30 square meters.)

Although theoretically designed for civilian purposes, EYEGLASS will pick out and monitor planes parked on a runway, tanks, trucks, missiles, etc. It will also be able to monitor construction projects and traffic into and out of buildings. This will give the Saudi army, and other Arab military forces that will have access to the data, the ability to assess Israeli strengths and weaknesses, and to plan a precision first strike against bases, plants, and other facilities.

Defenders of the sale claim that the field of view of this satellite can be restricted through electronic "shutter control," but this is quite difficult, given the geography.

For many years, the IDF and Defense Ministry have sought to acquire an orbital capability to monitor activities in Iran and Iraq. The importance of a independent overhead reconnaissance capability was emphasized during the 1991 Gulf War, when Israel realized that the US had almost no information on the Iraqi nuclear weapons program, and had failed to located mobile SCUD missile launchers. After the war, Defense Minister Moshe Arens revealed that the Ofek program was designed to produce a reconnaissance satellite.

Although two test platforms have been launched successfully, an operational satellite will cost hundreds of millions of dollars, and will require a major technological effort. According to reports, Israeli requests for American assistance and technology, or for cooperation in this area, have all been rebuffed.

The Israeli government can also be expected to note that in making the technology available to the Saudis, the US government is violating pledges not to sell weapons or technology more advanced than that available to Israel. This pledge, which goes back to the era of Nixon and Kissinger, was recently reiterated by President Clinton in meetings with Prime Minister Rabin.

In the AWACS case, the sale was eventually approved in a very narrow vote in the US Senate, but only after a costly fight. Now, in the middle of the Middle East peace process, and with no other foreign policy successes, the Clinton administration cannot afford a similar battle. Unless Israel is convinced that the Saudi role in the EYEGLASS project will not post a threat to its security, the conflict is likely to escalate.

The writer directs research on security and arms control at the DESA Center for strategic studies at Bar-Ilan University

Two killed, nine hurt in road accidents

TWO people were killed and nine were injured in traffic accidents around the country yesterday.

Near the Golani Junction, two people were killed in a head-on collision. Shaiva Kushner, 63, veered out of her lane for unknown reasons and crashed into a car driven by Dan Vladir. They were both killed instantly.

Eight people traveling in a commercial vehicle were injured yesterday morning when the driver lost control of the car and crashed into a large signpost in the Western Galilee. Four people sustained serous injuries while the rest were lightly hurt. One person was brought to Haifa's Rambam Hospital for treatment, while the others were treated at Nahariya's hospital.

In Eilat, a 16-year-old boy suffered serious head injuries when he was hit by a truck whose driver was learning how to drive and veered out of his lane. Menashe Nir Harazi was thrown a few meters by the impact of the crash. He was first brought to Josephthal Hospital, then flown to Soroka Hospital in Beersheba because of his serious condition.

(Itim)

Five soldiers injured in accident on Gaza bypass road

Five IDF soldiers were injured yesterday when their jeep overturned after it was hit by a taxi on the Gaza Strip bypass road while they were on patrol.

The five were brought to Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer where one was listed in serious condition, three in satisfactory condition and one in satisfactory to good condition. All five remain hospitalized.

Lands council approves rezoning compensation

THE Israel Lands Administration's council yesterday approved the government's proposal for compensation for agricultural lands rezoned for housing development.

The government adopted the compromise proposal suggested by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, whereby farmers will receive from between 27 percent to 29 percent compensation for the land, and no compensation for the investments on the property.

By law, the land belongs to the government, which can reclaim it by paying limited compensation.

During yesterday's special meeting, the council decided to establish a special committee that will formulate recommendations within two weeks on implementing the government decision.

It will be headed by council member Simha Assaf, secretary-general of the Agricultural Center.

Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, who is head of the council, said after the meeting that he praised those who initiated the plan and was glad that the plan had the approval of farmers. (Itim)

Administrative detainees riot at Hasharon Prison

RAINE MARCUS

ADMINISTRATIVE detainees at Hasharon Prison attacked a guard yesterday who searched their wing, Prisons Service officials said last night.

Prison guards who carried out a routine search of the religious prisoners' wing, where five administrative detainees are, held found a beeper in the possession of Baruch Ben-Yosef.

As punishment, authorities decided to disconnect a public telephone used by the five.

Ben-Yosef and another detainee objected, said authorities, and tried to force their way into a warder's office. The warder blocked the door, and an argument broke out during which one detainee allegedly cursed the warder.

Ben-Yosef had initially told warders that he used the beeper solely to receive messages from his family. But later, a man phoned authorities to say he had forgotten the device during a visit to the prison.

Prison warden Eli Gabison called police, who questioned those involved in the incident. Authorities will probably press charges against the offenders.

Gazans to receive benefits with wages

Some 25,000 Palestinians from the Gaza Strip who work in Israel will receive their social benefits as of next month as part of their wages, deposited directly into their bank accounts, rather than by checks, as they had been paid until now, the Labor and Welfare Ministry announced yesterday.

According to the agreement finally reached yesterday after prolonged debating between the Labor Ministry and the Autonomy authorities, it was decided that the social benefit sums will be deposited through the Bank of Palestine in Gaza.

Every Gazan worker who does not have a bank account will have to go to his nearest bank branch in Gaza and open an account, the ministry's statement said.

'Technology to dominate future battlefield'

WASHINGTON (AP) – Technology and the swift exchange of battlefield information are likely to be the keys to winning future wars, in which a smaller US military will be asked to do more, Pentagon planners say.

One of the chief architects of military strategy says the battlefield of the future will link high-tech eyes and ears – satellites, radar planes and unmanned camera drones – with commanders controlling precision missiles and bombs.

Stopping a well-armed enemy quickly will require commanders to grasp "the dramatic effect of technology, if we can envision where it will take us, to see it in its expanse in the way it could affect our overall ability to do joint war fighting," Adm. William A. Owens told reporters Wednesday.

As vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Owens is the nation's second-highest ranking officer and one of the military's top battle scenario planners.

Technology now being developed will enable commanders to monitor in detail a battlefield 200 miles square, aware of virtually everything going on above ground, Owens said.

Improvements in weapons and surveillance technology continue because of, rather than in spite of, military spending cuts.

Smart bombs that can pinpoint targets, single shells that can knock out multiple tanks, and surveillance equipment that can give commanders a clear picture of the battlefield mean that a smaller military can do more, he said.

"We're not quite there yet, frankly," Owens added. "We've come a long way since Desert Storm. Our forces are much more capable."

Owens heads the five-member Joint Requirements Oversight Council, a group of four-star officers from each military service that is overseeing war games and touring the major military commands, looking for ways to improve military coordination among the service branches.

A key focus for Owens and the military leadership is improving communication between battlefield commanders and reconnaissance assets such as U-2 spy planes, satellites and unmanned camera planes.

The Pentagon is also investing hundreds of millions of dollars in improving its array of "smart" munitions.

These include laser-guided glide bombs, shells that contain multiple explosive devices with their own sensors, longer-range artillery, antitank ordinance that blasts downward on the vulnerable tops of tank turrets, and an array of so-called standoff weapons that can hit distant targets while keeping US planes out of enemy range.

Owens said the military is aware that not all battlefields will present the neat, treeless target field encountered in the Gulf War.



A Rwandan refugee transports clean water on his locally-made scooter on the outskirts of Goma. (AP)

Gangs add misery to Rwandan refugees

KIBUMBA, Zaire (Reuter) – Gangs of thugs and former soldiers are adding to the misery of hundreds of thousands of Rwandan refugees in the teeming camps of east Zaire, relief workers said yesterday.

"Security is now a major concern in the camps," UN High Commissioner for Refugees spokesman Panos Moumtzis told reporters.

"Our staff has been threatened by youths brandishing rocks", said Johanna Grombach, spokeswoman for the International Committee of the Red Cross. "The new, worrying trend is that it's organized."

More than a million Rwandans swamped the Goma area in mid-July, fleeing civil war and ethnic massacres but creating a new disaster area where 33,000 have died of malnutrition, cholera, dysentery and other diseases.

"They are face to face with some of the worst aspects of human nature," says a Belgian doctor of the international medical charity *Medecins Sans Frontieres* at Kibumba camp, 25 kilometers north of Goma.

"Food riots on a major scale could erupt any day," she added.

Food distribution was suspended for the umpteenth time at Kibumba yesterday while UN officials tried to work out a safe system to feed the needy.

On Tuesday, youths with machetes stole 20 tons of food in Kibumba. On Wednesday, former soldiers of Rwanda's defeated hard-line Hutu army threatened UN relief staff with a hand grenade at Mugunga camp.

Moumtzis said aid agencies had no immediate solution to security headaches most UN officials said were predictable in such a concentration of destitute people.

"Zairean authorities are responsible for law and order but Zairean soldiers have been involved in killing refugees, in stealing," Moumtzis said.

Two refugees were killed on Monday at Kibumba camp by a group of Zairean soldiers who were trying to steal a car.

Bringing a peacekeeping force in the camps was ruled out so he suggested perhaps refugees should organize their own police – all the more so because the Goma camps may turn into semi-permanent settlements.

In the meantime, former Rwandan soldiers appear to take the law in their own hands. Yesterday at the entrance of the main access track to Mugunga, some were brandishing sticks to control the constant flow of people.

"Soldiers often threaten us verbally to give them food handouts, they certainly are not very polite," said Leopold Tsengyumba, a Rwandan refugee helping with distribution at a World Food Program warehouse.

Seized nuclear materials came from Russia

BONN (Reuter) – Smuggled plutonium seized in Germany definitely came from Russia and may have been heading for Third World states with nuclear ambitions, European scientists and German officials said yesterday.

As proof of its origin came in, Russia – which had earlier vehemently denied it was missing any radioactive materials – announced it had launched an investigation to find the source of the atomic contraband.

At the same time, St. Petersburg police reported three men had been caught in Kaliningrad on August 12 just as they were trying to sell a highly radioactive substance for $1 million.

Euroatom, the atomic energy agency that has been testing the four batches of nuclear materials seized in Germany in as many months, said the samples definitely came from Russia.

"There are only three or four places in the former Soviet Union which could have been the place of production," Wilhelm Gmelin, director of Euratom security control, said in Brussels. He named Chelyabinsk, Yekaterinburg and Arzamas, all in Russia.

Gmelin stressed this did not mean the plutonium-239 and enriched uranium had arrived directly from these plants.

These shipments, the first weapons-grade samples to surface in Europe after about 300 hauls of lesser-quality radioactive materials, were seized from middlemen but seemed destined for developing countries eager to build a nuclear bomb, German officials said.

"There are no indications that [the buyers] are terrorists or other people," said Johannes Gerster, a member of the parliamentary control commission that discussed nuclear smuggling with Kohl's aide Bernd Schmidbauer.

"All I can say is that they are states that want to produce atomic weapons," he told ARD television on Wednesday evening. "We're talking about crazy sums of money. Private people can't pay that, countries must be behind it."

The only name mentioned officially so far is Pakistan.

Berlin police said on Wednesday evening they had raided seven flats that day and found evidence plutonium had either just been send or was to be sent to the South Asian state.

A Pakistan embassy spokesman in Bonn said: "This has come as a complete surprise to us. We have nothing to do with this."

As public concern about uncontrolled atomic arsenals mounted, Bavaria said it wanted to make the life sentence mandatory for anyone caught smuggling nuclear materials.

Bosnian Serbs to seek union with Serbia

SARAJEVO (AP) – In another slap at world opinion, Bosnian Serb leaders announced yesterday that they would formally seek to link their territories with Serbia and Montenegro.

The move appeared timed to increase opposition to an internationally negotiated Bosnian peace plan accepted by the republic's Croats and Moslems but vehemently opposed by the Bosnian Serb leadership.

With most Bosnian Serbs appearing opposed to the peace plan, which would strip them of nearly one-third of the 70 percent of Bosnia they now hold, their leaders have said they would abide by the results of an August 27-28 referendum on its fate.

Yesterday's announcement on the planned union of Serb lands, carried by the Bosnian Serb agency Srna, seemed to be an attempt to churn up even more opposition to the plan.

Srna quoted Momcilo Krajisnik, a key aide to Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, as saying both Bosnian Serbs and their rebel brethren in Croatia would formally ask Serbia and Montenegro for permission to join them and create "Greater Serbia."

But Krajisnik, who made the comments at a Bosnian Serb assembly in Pale, southwest of Sarajevo, seemed to be speaking mostly for effect.

Canadian spy agency probed for neo-Nazi links

OTTAWA (Reuter) – Canada's domestic spy agency will be investigated for links with a white-supremacist group following reports that a paid informant helped set up and run the neo-Nazi organization, officials said this week.

The Toronto Sun newspaper reported Sunday that Grant Bristow, a founder and leading member of the Heritage Front, the country's largest neo-Nazi group, was on the payroll of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service.

Solicitor General Herb Gray told reporters Tuesday the government had asked an independent external review body to investigate the agency's connection with the neo-Nazi group.

"In order to clear the air we want the Security Intelligence Review Committee to look into the matter and make a report," Gray said.

A spokesman for CSIS would not say whether Bristow worked for the spy agency but he said CSIS had not broken any laws. He said the agency never commented on its operations.

The Toronto Sun said Bristow was recruited by CSIS in 1989, six months before the Heritage Front was set up. Members of the group told the newspaper Bristow had provided money for travel and other expenses.

Jewish organizations welcomed the investigation and said they were upset that taxpayers dollars may have been used to create an antisemitic group.

US orders tighter anti-terrorist air security

WASHINGTON (Reuter) – Federal aviation officials disclosed this week that they had ordered US airlines to increase anti-terrorism measures following recent attacks on Jewish interests in several parts of the world.

The Federal Aviation Administration said the order went out for certain airports and flights, but gave no details.

It made the order public when asked about reports an order was issued because of the recent attacks on Jewish interests in Buenos Aires and London and the crash of a Panamanian plane last month blamed by some on a Lebanese suicide bomber.

The FAA said in a statement: "The FAA is in close contact with the intelligence community of the US government and we, through them, are closely monitoring the threat."

"The FAA required the implementation of countermeasures at certain locations and for certain flights as a precaution to ensure the continued safety of air travel."

Aviation Daily said the order was mainly for US airlines serving Israel to tighten their flight security and their security at airports where flights leave for Israel.

A US Air Transport Association official, who said the FAA order was issued this month, said no terrorist plans to target specific airlines or flights had been uncovered.

The FAA periodically issues such orders to airlines as a precautionary measure following overseas attacks even though no specific threats had been made to US interests.

Algerian quake kills at least 147

ALGIERS (AP) – An earthquake struck northwest Algeria early yesterday, killing at least 147 people and injuring 289, local rescue officials said.

The quake, which hit about 400 kilometers west of Algiers, registered a preliminary magnitude of 5.6, according to the Algerian Center for Astrophysical Research. A quake of such strength can cause widespread structural damage and take a considerable human toll in populated areas. Several aftershocks followed, the strongest of which had a preliminary magnitude of 5.1. Fear of aftershocks drove thousands of people flee their homes and spend the night in the street.

Homes built of mud-and-straw brick collapsed with the first shake, and 8,000 to 10,000 people were left without shelter.

Terrorism charges dropped against US death row inmate

ST. LOUIS (AP) – Prosecutors disinissed terrorism charges against a death row inmate who was convicted of murdering his daughter based on evidence uncovered while he was being watched for his pro-Palestinian activism.

Zian Isa, 62, is in poor health with diabetes and unlikely to win an appeal of his 1991 murder conviction, federal prosecutors said Tuesday.

Trying him on terrorism charges would be long, costly and could reveal classified information, they added.

Zia and three co-defendants were charged last year with plotting to kill Jews, blow up the Israeli Embassy in Washington and kill anyone who could expose the plots.

Authorities said all were members of the Abu Nidal terrorist organization.

The three co-defendants pleaded guilty last month to racketeering charges, admitting they smuggled money, bought weapons, recruited members, illegally obtained passports and helped in the planning of terroristic acts.

The only killing carried out was the stabbing of Isa's daughter, Tina, slain in 1989 by Isa and his wife, Maria, for turning her back on Palestinian ways. Maria Isa was also convicted of murder, but her death sentence was overturned on appeal.

FBI agents learned of the slaying when they bugged Isa's apartment while investigating his Palestinian activities.

Cubans flood Florida, governor calls emergency

KEY WEST, Florida (AP) – Gov. Lawton Chiles declared an immigration emergency yesterday and asked for federal help coping with the hundreds of Cuban refugees streaming into Florida, the largest migration from the island since the 1980 Mariel boatlift.

"There are hundreds of people, perhaps thousand, massing on the shores of Cuba," Chiles said, noting that Cuban leader Fidel Castro is making no effort to stop them from leaving. "The Castro government is clearly weakening. The day of freedom in Cuba is near."

But Chiles said the rising tide of Cuban refugees crossing the Florida Straits threatens to overwhelm the ability of state and local officials to provide housing, health care and other services to the immigrants.

Chiles asked federal authorities to activate their emergency plan for dealing with the massive influx of refugees from the Communist-ruled island 145 kilometers from Key West.

"A true emergency exists for the state of Florida.... I am hopeful that we will see some response by the end of the day," the governor said at a late-morning news conference at the US Coast Guard base here.

In Washington, Attorney General Janet Reno warned against being "melodramatic."

Reno told her weekly news conference that "we have been able to manage the increased flow arriving from Cuba during the last several days in an orderly way and without disruption to the community."

The US Coast Guard has rescued record numbers of Cuban refugees over the past three days from a ragtag flotilla of flimsy boats and homemade rafts.

The Coast Guard picked up 537 Cubans on Wednesday, the highest single-day total since Mariel brought 125,000 people to Florida in five months.

On Tuesday, the agency rescued 339 Cubans and on Monday 282.

So far this year, 6,872 Cubans have arrived, compared with 3,656 in 1993.

Cuban journalists who spoke to The Associated Press by phone said refugees were setting off openly from beaches and harbors around Havana with no apparent interference from police.

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The wrong ban

THE Interior Ministry, nominally one of the portfolios held by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin but actually still run by the Shas Party, is apparently out to prove that it can be as obtuse, inane and unreasonable as the next ministry. Charging the relatively new Arabic weekly *Bayan*, published in Jerusalem, with having links to Hamas, the ministry shut it down.

Had the official who made the decision been employed by the PLO, he would have received a bonus for his effort. In fact, there are those who believe that the paper was closed to help the PLO in its struggle for influence with Hamas. The action also made Yasser Arafat's order to stop the distribution of the pro-Jordanian daily *An-Nahar* and the magazine *Akhbar al-Balad* three weeks ago appear reasonable. If democratic Israel can close a newspaper for no apparent reason, it should be acceptable for the PLO to do so.

Nor does the service rendered the PLO end there. As PLO officials have pointed out, had the paper been published by Israeli Arabs in, say, Nazareth, it would not have been banned. The only reason it was closed was that it was published by Palestinians in eastern Jerusalem and distributed there and in the administered territories.

As Palestinian journalist Khaled Amaira, a contributor to *Bayan*, put it, the closing of the paper weakens Israel's claim to eastern Jerusalem. "If the government treats the paper as if it were in occupied territory, then Israel is admitting that part of Jerusalem is indeed occupied territory," he said on Wednesday, as he was demonstrating against the closure.

It is not that the government, acting under the constant threat of terrorism, has no right to close down a newspaper which encourages violence and murder. Duty-bound to safeguard the lives of its citizens and do everything within its power to prevent the activities of terrorist groups, the government can and should resort to this drastic step if it is indeed warranted. It is, after all, the state's ongoing war against terror – as well as its official state of war with Arab countries – which wholly justifies military censorship in Israel.

But *Bayan* was not charged with a single violation of censorship regulations. It was accused of "identifying with Hamas positions" and including known Hamas figures among its writers – all well within the legal and permissible. What this means is that the weekly, like the Hamas and other "rejectionists," is opposed to the Israel-PLO agreement and the peace process. And while such negative sentiments may be regrettable and disturbing, they cannot be prohibited in a democratic society. The paper never advocated violence nor any other illegal action in opposing the agreement. And it is only such advocacy that the censorship laws are intended to prevent.

That Israel must continue its war against terrorism – whether initiated by Hamas, Fatah or any other terrorist organization – is a given. It is a brutal, nerve-testing war which should be pursued with resolve and determination, regardless of the agreement with the PLO and the peace talks. But it is difficult to see how closing a small weekly for expressing ugly opinions can help Israel in this war. If anything, it can only make Israel appear as insecure and fearful of opposition as the dictatorial rulers around it.

France's nemesis of terrorism

UNLIKE the British and Germans, the French remain robustly pro-intellectual in their approach to politics, never shrinking from boosting prominent writers, artists and philosophers of left and right to the highest posts.

All the more intriguing, then, was the elevation of outspoken "top cop" Charles Pasqua – a man once derisively known to the left as "Truncheon Charlie" for his no-nonsense law and order policies – to the Interior Ministry. Despite being set upon by a host of leftists and liberals, Pasqua's recent war on terrorism and Islamic fundamentalism has earned him massive public support. The latest opinion polls show a whopping 71 percent of the population feel that Pasqua and Prime Minister Eduard Balladur's government have the ability to protect them from Islamic terrorism. Fifty-seven percent fully approved of the police sweep across Paris, to flush out extremists masquerading as refugees.

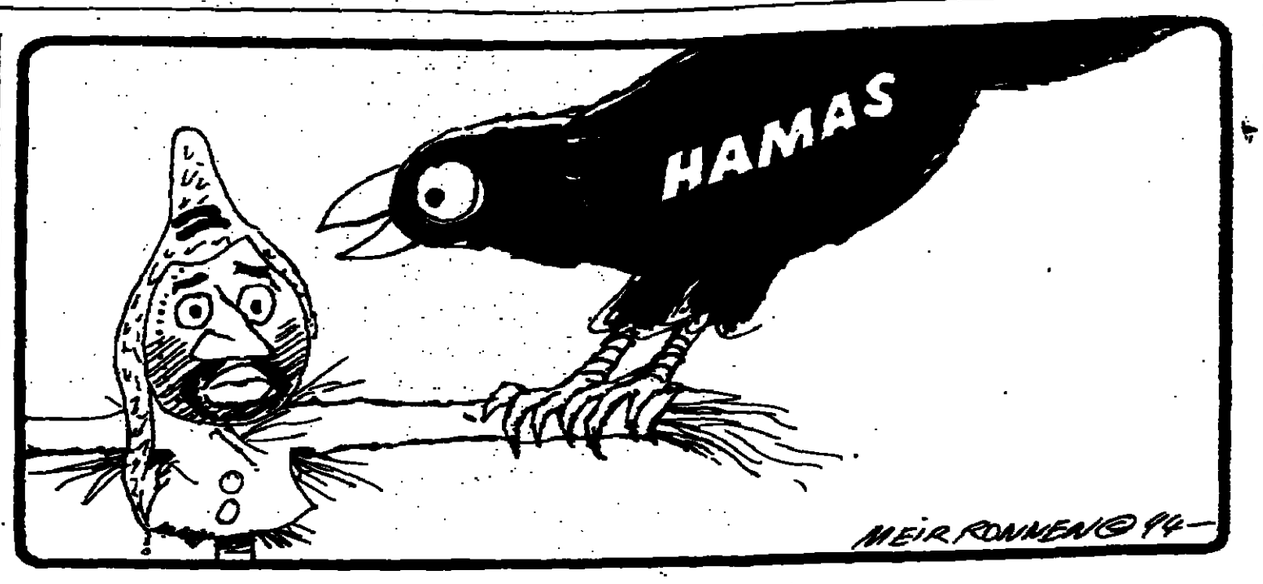
The poll was taken before the French intelligence coup that put Carlos the Jackal behind bars. Pasqua bluntly stated that only he and Balladur knew of the progress of the secret operation and President Mitterrand was content to be "merely informed" that something was afoot.

France's refusal to forget the murder of its two intelligence officers by Carlos in 1975, and his alleged involvement in a street bomb that cost a Paris woman her life, has given the French people confidence that their security is a top priority. It is the sort of confidence that hitherto probably only Israelis possessed. Support for Pasqua's policies sweeps across the left-right divide, a sure sign that common sense, courage and action remain the most admired attributes in a democratic leader.

But the greatest accolade has come not from his own people, but from the mullahs of Iran. On Wednesday, the Iranian media launched a blistering personal attack on Pasqua and the ministers who back him. The Iranians, who said not a word about the recent murder of five French expatriates in Algeria, or the 4,000 deaths resulting from the campaign of their terrorist Islamic allies there, said: "Pasqua has pitched himself against all the world's Moslems. With his imagination, he has put a question mark against one of the great divine religions." What they mean, of course, is the Iranian version of Islam.

French Defense Minister Francois Leotard on Monday bluntly stated that Islamic fundamentalism is as big as danger as Nazism once was. The Iranian statement answered: "Comparing Islam with the Nazi movement is not only offensive, it is also totally inaccurate."

Bravo to Interior Minister Pasqua and his colleagues. The Iranian response is proof positive that they are definitely doing something right.



Does Assad keep his word?

DANIEL PIPES

HAFEZ Assad has such a good reputation for keeping his promises, even opponents acknowledge his probity. No less an authority than the head of IDF Intelligence, Uri Saguy, has asserted that "if and when he signs an agreement, [Assad] will keep his word."

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres concurred: "With the Syrians it is very hard to reach an agreement but the agreement will stand." Odd they should say this, because the Syrian dictator has a long record of breaking his promises.

Assad gained his enviable reputation of trustworthiness by virtue of his commitment to the May 1974 Separation of Forces Agreement with Israel to "scrupulously observe the cease-fire on land, sea and air" and "refrain from all military action." According to Ze'ev Schiff, the doyen of Israeli military correspondents; "both sides have adhered to the Separation of Forces Agreement since it was first reached, and violations have been negligible."

American officials agree. Richard Murphy, the former assistant secretary of Near Eastern Affairs, confirms that the agreement was in fact "scrupulously observed."

But focusing only on that 1974 agreement ignores the many agreements Assad has broken with several governments, including those of Israel, Lebanon and Turkey. And a close look even at the 1974 agreement reveals some serious breaches. Let's take a look at some examples.

- The "red line" understanding. In April 1976, Israel acquiesced to Syrian forces entering Lebanon in return for several reassurances, dubbed "red lines," brokered by American officials. These unwritten agreements were to circumscribe the Syrian use of force in Lebanon. In their more important provisions, Assad agreed not to deploy in Lebanon aircraft, surface-to-air missiles, or more than one brigade of soldiers.

Damascus breached all three of these provisions. It ferried troops by helicopter and deployed surface-to-air missiles in the Zahle area of Lebanon in 1981. Israelis knew about these offenses. Writing in his private capacity, Itamar Rabinovich (currently ambassador to the US) termed them, respectively, an "infringement" and an "unequivocal violation" of the 1976 agreement. Nor were these merely technical issues; he said the Syrian missiles amounted to "a serious threat" against Israeli interests.

The record shows that he does not – except when it is convenient for him

Assad ignored the prohibition on aircraft a second time, in October 1990, when his air force had an active role in the Syrian conquest of Beirut.

He violated the red-line agreement even more profoundly by sending far more than one brigade into Lebanon; over the years some 10 brigades have regularly been stationed there. In short, Assad sought not just to tip the balance of power in Lebanon but to control the whole country. Yair Evron of Tel Aviv University writes that Damascus thereby "overstepped" and "transgress[ed]" its 1976 understanding.

Worst of all, Assad has on occasion denied the existence of the red-line agreement, and so his very obligations to maintain them. He once told a Lebanese group, "Do not concern yourselves with the 'red line' which the Americans and the Israelis are talking about. It does not exist, [and] in any event I cannot see it."

- Agreements to leave Lebanon. On three occasions since 1976, the Syrian authorities concurred with decisions made by other bodies that Syrian troops should leave Lebanon. Of course, they are still there.

Damascus first agreed to leave in October 1978, as part of the Riyadh-Cairo accords. In September 1982, it signed the Fez Declaration which called on the Lebanese and Syrian governments to begin discussions on this subject. In October 1989, to win Lebanese Christian support for a revision of the Lebanese government structure (the Ta'if Accord), Assad accepted a provision that Syrian troops would be redeployed from their positions in Beirut to the Bekaa Valley two years after four conditions had been met. Those conditions were fulfilled in September 1990, but September 1992 came and went without any change. (Indeed, arrive by plane in Beirut and you'll encounter Syrian troops right in the airport.)

- PKK anti-Turkish activities. In 1987 and 1992, Damascus signed security protocols with Turkey promising to shut installations used by the PKK, the anti-Turkish group of Kurds. In addition, the Syrians time and again assured Turkish officials that the PKK would cause them no more problems. But year after year little changed on the ground.

A base would ostentatiously close down, only to reopen quietly somewhere else. In October 1993, a Turkish official revealed that Damascus and the PKK had agreed that "Syrian commanders are leading some PKK terror units."

- Operation Accountability. In July 1993, Assad reached an agreement with Secretary of State Christopher whereby he would in the future prevent any forces in southern Lebanon from launching rocket attacks on Israel. Less than a year later, not only did Katyushas rain down on the Galilee, but Damascene sources asserted that "Syria has not agreed with the Israelis to stop the firing of Katyushas on northern Israel," and denied the existence of any deal with Israel.

- Golan Heights disengagement. Even Assad's reputation for having fulfilled his 1974 agreement with Israel is undeserved.

While it is true that the agreement ended all violence across the Syrian-Israeli border and made the Golan Heights not just a quiet place but perhaps the safest in the Middle East, that is not the same as saying that Damascus fulfilled all its obligations.

First, Assad reassured Jerusalem of his nonbelligerent intentions by promising that "Syrian civilians will return" to the territory evacuated by Israeli forces. In fact, civilians have not moved into the area and it remains a military zone.

Second, the Syrians in 1992 moved commandos into Kuneitra and heavy artillery elsewhere into the demilitarized zone they had agreed to maintain under the terms of the 1974 agreement. In the "thin-out" strip within 25 kilometers of the border, they illegally placed 21 surface-to-air missiles and eight missile launchers. But these violations received no attention, for Prime Minister Rabin apparently decided (and this is the amazing part) to ignore reports about them by the United Nations observer force.

Assad's 20-year pattern of behavior establishes that he regularly breaks his promises. Typical of a despot, he keeps his word when it's convenient and breaks it when not.

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When will Israel bury the bully club?

YAEL DAYAN

IT began in subdued tones, a matter of style.

"We know whom we're dealing with [the PLO and its chief]. Let them sweat a little. That's all there is."

There was no mention of chemistry or physiology or the values separating the people, not just the leaders.

"They" (those who, by implication, are not like us) are not capable of, and don't even want to, live democratically, efficiently, collecting taxes and maintaining a judicial, economic or health system.

We, of course, abide by High Court rulings, the Declaration of Independence, egalitarian and liberal legislation; we have no corruption or cumbersome bureaucracy. We shall not pass a law limiting imports for reasons of kashrut; we have no *agunot* (abandoned wives or widows forbidden to re-wed), no persons disqualified for marriage.

We have no white-collar criminals; and administrative procedures, or receiving rights we are entitled to, are simple matters, effected politely and quickly.

But "they" are parasites, starting out with a huge debt, and dependent on donations.

We live by the toil of our hands and enjoy economic independence.

The only good thing about the Gazans is that we are rid of them; there is almost a consensus on this.

Those who were disillusioned when their malicious predictions – that there would be a massacre there and Sabra and Shatilla would be a picnic compared to Gaza and Khan Yunis – did not materialize, now console themselves, like frustrated prophets, with the news that "they are killing their brothers, mostly collaborators."

No one refers to the health and education situation, the filth, the sewage, the poverty and misery; nor is there self-blame or apology or a clear analysis of exactly what we did about open sewers in Gaza, or the dimensions of unemployment and poverty in Rafiah.

It's as if we weren't there for 27 years, responsible for the good and the bad, for the welfare and security of the residents. As if we allowed them to develop and have relations with the rest of the world, and imposed free, compulsory education, a tax system, and national insurance; enabled the purchase of medical equipment, and everything else. As if they deserve their distress as collective punishment, and are genetically geared to be neglected.

We've withdrawn from Gaza. But not from the need to be occupiers

PERHAPS WE should recall that their war of independence was not fought in the northern Norwegian forests or on Washington's lawns. The intifada was unleashed out of despair, using nails and claws, stones; at a heavier cost than imagined; and it succeeded.

"They" – "those who understand only force" – spoke to us (who are rich in languages) in the language of force, and we understood – and how! By way of the intifada we grit our teeth and recognized the PLO and Arafat. And with much disgust and queasiness we even got to that handshake in Washington.

Yet the account is not balanced. And while today it is clear that we have quit Gaza, we are not relieved of the need to be occupiers and the deep feeling that they are inferior and will remain so – of course, "through no fault of ours."

We have not freed ourselves from the thought that a Palestinian state will arise only as a reward from us for their good behavior; that we are the giving side, they the receiving: ("And what have they been giving?" people here ask. And the answer is that, with difficulty, they are shucking off their chains and handcuffs, temporarily and to a limited degree.)

They are ungrateful. It is not clear whether they are "entitled" to National Insurance payments or computer listings in the Population Registry. They are told to "prove they are entitled" to our charity, without any understanding that what they get will be by right.

Our violations of the agreement are no fewer than theirs: but we totally lack the magnanimity of the victor, the strong, the settled.

There is no symmetry between those shooting and those weeping, between those shot and the weepers. The work we provided for them served the idleness of our economy and its calculations more than it did the Gazans.

Intentionally or by force of inertia we were both military occupiers and oppressors of all initiatives. Gazans were forbidden for years to acquire facsimile machines, out of fear they would be vehicles for incitement.

We behaved like colonialists of the worst kind, and even though we withdrew from Gaza, we have not shaken off these attributes. We hand out grades and force an entire people to face matriculation tests of a kind we never passed, and measure them by a standard not applied to ourselves.

We are an examining board that subjects an entire people to an educational pattern and obstacle course without even indicating what they will find at the end of the tunnel if they pass this humiliating course.

Security is, indeed, our affair; and to maintain it they need the means. It's not our affair who is authorized to sign for that; when we supervise the transfer of funds and decide who signs to eliminate the sewage, it is worth remembering who left the sewers open all those years, and the mosquitoes that bred there.

The arrogance, the feeling of superiority, the lack of values, the ignorance, *are our problem.* What can be done is to stop tormenting them, pestering them. There's no need to be judgmental; they don't go to our school, are not moving one class ahead or down.

Characteristically, Jerusalem Mayor Olmert says that Nabil Shaath, Yasser Abed Rabbo and Arafat have no faith, are not religious men; that for them prayer on the Temple Mount is a political act, not the act of people who come quietly, modestly, to commune with their Creator. Thus speaks the censor of faith and religion.

This is in complete contrast to Sharon, Shamir, Rabin, Peres and Olmert himself – all their visits to the Western Wall or to a synagogue flow from the desire to commune with their God and from their burning faith, which manifests in their immaculate observance of kashrut and all 613 *mitzvot*.

And in the West Bank, a moment before the handing over of power, during the IDF's search in the village of Dinba, our soldiers filled a washing machine with flour, and TV sets and other instruments were smashed. A farewell gift, a step toward confidence-building?

Even though we are accustomed to this, the punitive rods must be put away.

The writer is a Labor MK.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NO BOYCOTT

Sir, – Charging the American Jewish Congress of succumbing to the Arab boycott (Letters, *J.P.*, August 9) by offering tours to Jordan for Americans in Israel is breathtaking in its perversity. Allow me to elucidate:

In 1991 and 1993 members of AJCongress's Board of Trustees visited Jordan (and Saudi Arabia) at the invitation of each country's monarch, to discuss the peace process. AJCongress's acceptance of each invitation was conditional on both countries' agreement to give entry to AJCongress leaders traveling on their standard American passports containing Israel entry and exit stamps. Their subsequent arrival marked the first travel to either country by ordinary US citizens with passports not purged of evidence of a visit to Israel.

In 1993 – based on our belief that peace was at hand, but long before the Washington Declaration was contemplated – AJCongress first considered offering tours to Jordan. We indicated to the Jordanian Embassy in Washington (and received its unprecedented agreement) our conditions that members of the American Jewish Congress would visit Jordan only if they could travel roundtrip from Israel to Jordan across the Allenby–King Hussein Bridge, and they could travel on their standard, Israel-stamped US passports.

The Washington Declaration signed in Washington by King Hussein and Prime Minister Rabin envisioned "third-country" citizens being immediately permitted to travel openly between the two countries, and Israelis and Jordanians traveling across the border once the formal peace treaty is signed. To accuse the American Jewish Congress of participating in the Arab boycott for complying with the terms of the Washington Declaration is preposterous.

GEOFFREY WEILL,
Director, AJCongress
International Travel Program
New York.

TECHNOLOGICAL LIMITATIONS

Sir, – Supporters of withdrawal from the Golan claim that such a move will not effect the balance of power since the United States will supply Israel with advanced technology which will offset the loss of the Golan.

But even if it were possible to rely on the United States to "deliver the goods," this is still a temporary technological edge in return for permanently relinquishing a topographic advantage.

In order to appreciate the temporary nature of technological supremacy, one need only but visit the Air Force Museum. Almost all of the planes shown represented, in their time, the most advanced technology. Today they are useful only as museum pieces.

The Golan cannot be traded for technology which, by its very nature, becomes obsolete with time.

DR. AARON LERNER
Ra'anana.

'ANGELIC' WALDHEIM

Sir, – Israel's government has real gall to protest the Vatican's award to Kurt Waldheim. In recent weeks, the terrorists who planned the Ma'alot massacre of schoolchildren in 1974 were smuggled into Gaza and were allowed to leave without being put on trial. Fatima Birnawi, who in October 1967 planted bombs in Jerusalem theaters, has recently been appointed Commander of the Palestinian Women's Police force. These are just two examples of the capitulation to terrorists. Kurt Waldheim is an angel by comparison.

MICHAEL WILSCHANSKI
Toronto, Canada.

VISIT TO JORDAN

Sir, – As the wife of a Reform rabbi, deeply committed to the peace process, I was particularly excited to see that the American Jewish Congress had taken the initiative to advertise in *The Jerusalem Post* that it would sponsor a delegation to Jordan that would depart from Israel.

Indeed, the time has come for Jews to proudly visit the Kingdom of Jordan and to do so as identifying Jews and not as a surreptitious part of a non-Jewish delegation.

Yet, when I called the AJC office in Jerusalem, I was told that no one in the delegation would be allowed to wear a yarmulka, that no provisions had been made for kosher food and that we would not be able to conduct our egalitarian minyan on the premises of the hotel or in any other facility in Jordan.

Is this the kind of identifying Jewish delegation to Jordan that we had hoped for?

A.Z.
(Name and address supplied)
Jerusalem.

SHAATH IN JERUSALEM

Sir, – In your report on August 14 on Mr. Shaath's visit to Jerusalem, it was inaccurately reported that he "had lunch at the Ambassador Hotel," whereas he had lunch at the National Palace Hotel.

FOUAD ABU EL HAJ,
Manager,
Jerusalem. *National Palace Hotel*

CORRECT WORDING

Sir, – The Golan Settlers Committee chose a wrong wording for their campaign to retain the Golan. "Peace with the Golan" is obviously not achievable and therefore sounds unrealistic. The campaign slogan should be: "The Golan is more important than a peace treaty."

Netanya. *DR. JACOB ROSIN*

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The Palestinian 'White Paper'

SHMUEL KATZ

IN his article jointly written with Amos Kollek, "A pinch of pragmatism goes a long way" (August 5), it was surely foolhardy of Teddy Kollek to recall the relations between the Zionist establishment and the British Mandatory Government in its final years.

He refers, in breathtaking understatement, to the way "we quickly forgave" the British who were "responsible for thousands of Jews dying needlessly during and after World War II... Refugee ships such as the *Struma* sank ... with hundreds of Holocaust survivors on board because the British authorities refused to let them into Palestine. And the *Struma* was just one case of many."

Indeed it was.

Mr. Kollek, however, omits to mention the other areas – widely documented in recent years – of the British government's lethal behavior towards the Jewish People; how it fought every effort and every practical proposal for bringing Jewish men, women and children out of the Nazi hell even before the Holocaust.

He omits to mention altogether the oppressive anti-Jewish regime that reigned in Palestine itself; and that that regime and all the terrible acts against the Jews of Europe were "legitimized" by the British government's infamous White Paper of 1939. That document proclaimed Britain's unabashed plan for "final" betrayal: death of the Jewish State – shutting the gates of Palestine and freezing the Jewish National Home into a minority community in an Arab state.

Mr. Kollek declares that in spite of all its sins "we quickly forgave" the British. But the Zionist establishment in Palestine (the "we" to whom Kollek so obviously refers) did not merely "forgive" the British government. While its policy against Europe's Jews was being pursued in single-minded persistence and its anti-Zionist regime in Eretz Yisrael was engaged in ferocious repression of the Jewish Underground's revolt, the Zionist establishment was busy collaborating in that repression. Teddy Kollek was by his own testimony one of the chief executants of that collaboration.

These surely significant facts are also missing from his article. It is only fair, however, to recall some of the characteristic elements of that period.

The procedure was for a group of Hagana members to pounce on known or suspected members of the IZL and haul him to the nearest police station. From there he was subsequently transported several thousand miles into British detention camps in East Africa – where he spent years of exile. The liaison officer between the Zionist establishment and the British police who made this possible was, as it happens, Mr. Kollek. This is in fact the history of the "Season" (the hunt for IZL and LHY members by the Hagana on behalf of the British.)

Those who collaborated with the British are now doing the same – and worse – with the Arabs

In July 1944, Zionist leaders Chaim Weizmann and Moshe Shertok (Sharett) begged the British government to order the bombing of Auschwitz and of the railway which was bringing thousands of Jews daily from Hungary to the death camp.

After weeks of delay the British government's reply was delivered. It was negative and it was a lie. It said that such an attack was not feasible. In fact, information published at that time, and amplified by later evidence, showed that Auschwitz was perhaps the only target in that region that was not attacked by the Allies.

That was summer 1944. Four months later, in December, a friendly letter came from Zionist leader Chaim Weizmann to British premier Winston Churchill reporting that "our cooperation with the authorities in stamping out terrorism [that is the IZL and the LHY – S.K.] is proceeding satisfactorily. Five hundred names of suspects have already been supplied by the police as a result of which over 250 have been arrested."

THE CONTINUATION of that history is fascinating. After the end of World War II, in 1945, Zionist leaders realized that they had blundered. They agreed then to join with the IZL and the LHY in a campaign of resistance to the British. This lasted until mid-1946, when the British cracked down on a number of Zionist leaders. They were detained – until they undertook to refrain from further resistance (IZL and LHY continued the struggle till the British were in fact forced to leave Palestine).

It was the Zionist establishment's decision to stop the resistance to the British that led to Moshe Sneh's resignation in disgust from the leadership of the Hagana.

Precisely while his leaders were in detention, Mr. Kollek wrote a letter to the British journal *New Statesman and Nation* (August 10, 1946), in which he boasted: "In my capacity as liaison officer between the Jewish Agency, which was actively and consistently working to break the terror, and the Palestine authorities," he passed on the information "in the usual way" which led to the finding of two batteries of mortars which, Kollek asserted, had been trained by the IZL on the British headquarters in the King David Hotel, as well as other similar information designed to undermine the Jewish resistance.

There is a motive for Kollek's initiative. Just as "we" quickly forgave the British, so now he demands that we forgive the Arabs. He seems unaware of the full chilling impact of the parallel that he evokes.

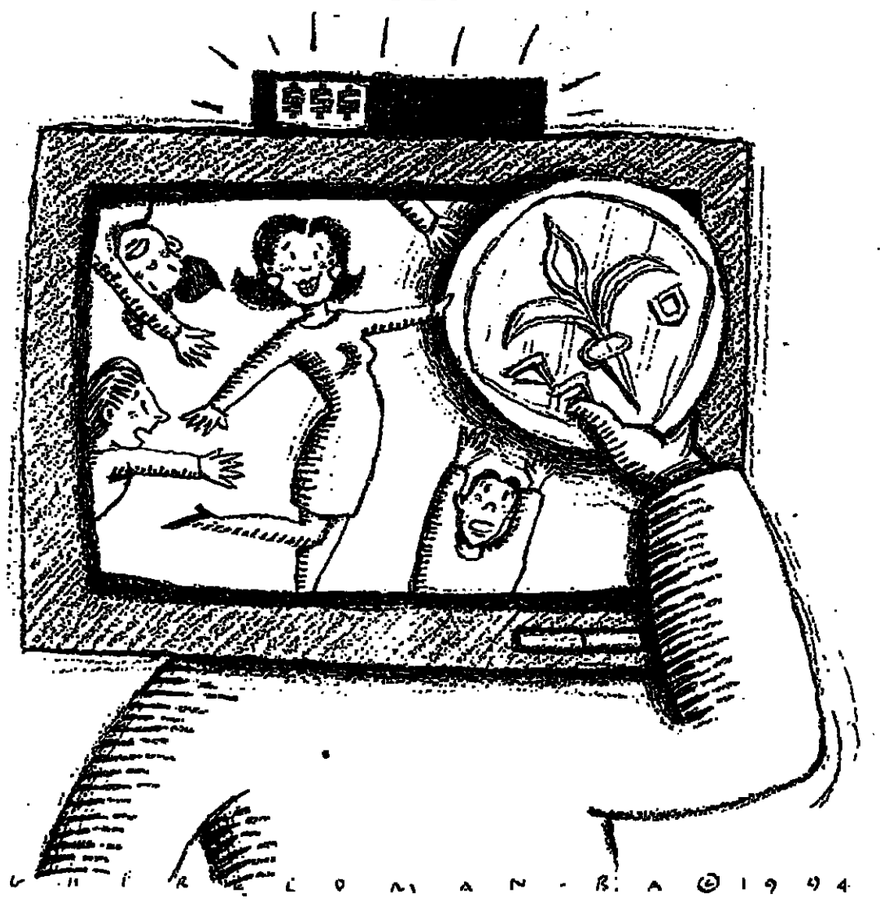
The British had their White Paper promising the doom of Zionism, death to the Jewish State by shutting the gates of Palestine to Jewish immigration. The Arabs have *their* "White Paper" – the Palestinian Covenant which proclaims the destruction of the Jewish State, and indeed, the expulsion of most of the Jews living in it.

The British never budged from their purpose envisaged in the White Paper, but continued to enjoy the "forgiveness" and the collaboration of the Zionist leaders. The Arabs have not budged one inch from the Palestinian Covenant, have continued their daily campaign of murder of Jews (now carried out by Palestinians who call themselves "Hamas") and enjoy the lively collaboration of the Israeli government in *implementation* of this, the first phase of the dismantlement of Israel.

Their collaboration goes so far as to dissimulate, and lie, and cover up the Arabs' lethal purpose.

What indeed could be more forgiving?

The writer is has published several books on Zionist and Jewish history.



And now a message from our local cable cabal

HILLEL THALMAN

MARSHALL McLuhan peered over the lectern and said to me, "You're going to see big changes in Israeli society."

A safe bet any time. But the year was 1979 and I'd asked McLuhan about the significance of changing over from black-and-white TV to color.

Color TV, he proceeded to explain, is a deeper, more passive immersion. And McLuhan again was right. After all, he's the man who pointed out more than 20 years ago, "The Israelis can never remember and the Arabs can never forget."

The black-and-white TV picture is made of lines. You're outside the image, which dances at you like Kim Basinger behind that famous venetian blind. Color TV, on the other hand, is a pool of colored dots like those bins of foam balls that malls have for kids to wallow in. The image engulfs you. It's structureless. At the esthetic forefront of color TV, the MTV music videos abandon linear logic, and another McLuhan aphorism bears remembering: "Faced with information overload, we have no alternative but pattern recognition."

Music videos are based on visual rhymes rather than on the logical unfolding of incidents or information. Visual rhyme – pattern recognition – is increasingly replacing logic in Israel's public sphere as the quantity or cussedness of information becomes unmanageable. Things are planned not to work right but to look right: where solutions are needed, we get imitations.

Years ago, it was just Jewish philanthropists transporting slum kids to Ramat Hasharon for tennis lessons, gaining satisfaction from plugging deprived kids into a visible imitation of bourgeois lifestyle. Now it's whole governments reacting to deep problems between peoples by setting up a Rabin-Clinton-Hussein festival to visually imitate the pattern of the Rabin-Clinton-Arafat festival, which imitated the pattern of the Begin-Carter-Sadat festival, which not incidentally was Israel TV's first big color story.

But why do we seem to be losing our social conscience along with our personal intelligence? Why has the wealth all rolled suddenly over to one side of Israeli society like loose potatoes in a truck that speeds on curves? Is it that by immersing ourselves in entertainment to drown out the information overload, we have obtained so much individual, personal stimulation that we no longer notice other people?

Happiness lies just beyond the reach of the poor; at the perfume counter, the furniture store, the travel agency

THERE ARE three basic courses of action, all inefficient, when poor people can't afford essentials: You can make the poor people richer, make the essentials cheaper, or make the rich people richer in hopes that the money will reach the poor.

In Israel, making the rich people richer doesn't work because the extra money gets spent on foreign goods and services, not on what the Israeli poor produce. Making the essentials cheaper isn't efficient, we've been told, because too much goes to waste. Jordanian livestock used to get fed on smuggled loaves of subsidized Israeli bread.

But if you give the money directly to the poor people, they may waste it on things they don't really need.

Someone is telling us that what the poor do really need is cable television. MK Meir Sheetrit has proposed that cable companies should run advertising and should devote half their ad income to subsidizing cable subscriptions for poor people. Not food, not housing, not transportation, not school supplies, not even improvements in broadcast TV, but cable TV.

So that the immigrants among them can switch from the struggle of understanding Hebrew to the comfort of Russian. So that their kids can switch from educational TV to cartoons. So that instead of getting sleep they can watch Israeli cable compete with Luxembourg in late-night porn.

Is this another case of mistaking an imitation for a solution? Does someone, trained on pattern-recognition rather than on thinking, suppose that by giving cable TV to people who can't normally afford it we can give them the lifestyle of people who can? Or is cable a minor vice that's perceived as a right, like coffee at the workplace or cigarettes in prison?

Or could it be, worst of all, that a profiteering cabal is less interested in bringing cable to the poor via advertising than in bringing advertising to the poor via cable? If so, then the next big changes in Israeli society will be unattractive ones, as the poor are further immersed in the message that happiness and dignity dwell just beyond their reach at the perfume counter, the furniture store and the travel agency.

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Political courage of their convictions

YOSEF GOELL

IN 1956, John F. Kennedy, then a junior senator from Massachusetts, published *Profiles in Courage*, about a handful of American politicians who at crucial points in American history showed great political courage in doing the right thing – regardless of the risk to their careers and lives.

Kennedy's list of courageous politicians included well-known names – like president John Quincy Adams, and senators Daniel Webster and Sam Houston – and some virtually forgotten men, like Kansas senator Edmund G. Ross, whose single vote saved Andrew Johnson from impeachment in 1868.

I was reminded of this book on a tour this week to some of the settlements in the Jordan Rift Valley. The tour was organized by a Labor Party bloc affiliated with the Third Way, the new movement which backs the peace process but opposes ceding the Golan, the Jordan Rift Valley, or any parts of the Greater Jerusalem region.

The tour convinced me all the more that Israel must retain as wide a swath as possible of the Rift Valley in any final settlement with the Palestinians; partly for obvious security reasons, but also to prevent a PLO-dominated Palestinian autonomy or sovereignty from insinuating its guerrilla forces into Jordan when that kingdom becomes involved in a bloody struggle for the succession to the ailing King Hussein.

The tour also reminded me of the cynical neglect on the part of both Labor and Likud governments of the past 27 years which is responsible for the presence of a paltry 2,800 Israelis in the entire Rift Valley, which with the exception of Jericho is nearly devoid of any Arab inhabitants.

Similar cynical neglect by both Labor and Likud governments was also responsible for holding back the settlement drive on the Golan and for the virtual abandonment of the 15,000 Israeli settlers in that crucial security region.

As on previous trips organized by Third Way supporters, this one was headed by Economics Minister Shimon Shetreet and attended by several Labor MKs, including Knesset finance committee chairman Gedalya Gal, Knesset absorption committee chairman Emanuel Zissman and Prof. Yoram Lass. The previous tour to the Golan featured Avigdor Kahalani, head of the Knesset Golan lobby, which includes MKs from a number of parties. At the founding meeting of the Third Way several months ago, 18 Labor MKs had announced their support for its aims.

Third Way MKs can stop Rabin from making dangerous concessions. All they need is character

At the Rift Valley Regional Council this week, I heard a new nuance in the speeches by Shetreet and some of the Labor MKs who repeated their sharp attacks on the (unnamed) Labor doves in the cabinet and Knesset who are prepared, according to their hawkish colleagues, to give up everything and pull Israel back on all fronts to the June 1967 borders.

Previously, they had spoken of the need to proceed with a major political and educational campaign among the public in preparation for a possible referendum on the Golan, to which Prime Minister Rabin is publicly committed.

On Tuesday, the Third Way hawkish MKs chose a different approach. They demanded that any decision on territorial concessions on any of the fronts be subject to approval by a 70-vote majority in the Knesset.

IT MAY be that the Labor hawks are being moved by a greater sense of urgency. On the same day, (dovish- Labor) Minister of Tourism Uzi Baram, declared that his ministry would suspend all further investments in the development of tourism in the Golan, in light of the developing diplomatic situation with Syria. IDF Chief of Staff Ehud Barak was in Washington for talks with US defense chiefs on the military implications of any Israeli withdrawal from the Golan.

It was also reported from the talks with the Jordanians on border and water issues that while demanding Israeli territorial concessions in the Arava and south of Lake Kinneret, Jordan was adamantly opposed to any final demarcation of the border with Israel along the Rift Valley – which would by definition mean shutting the Palestinians out of that area.

There is not the slightest chance of winning Labor Party approval for submitting the ratification of any further territorial concessions to an entrenched Knesset majority. But there is no need for such legislation; the Labor hawks in the Knesset have the power to stop all such concessions. What they lack so far is the courage of their convictions.

If they notify Prime Minister Rabin – even privately – that not only will they "not raise their hand in support of such concessions" in a Knesset vote, as Kahalani has already declared, but that they will "raise their hand against" any such proposal, concessions would become politically impossible.

Without the support of the Third Way Labor MKs, the government coalition would be very far from even a simple majority, even with the backing of the five "blocking majority" Arab party votes and the four or five of a bribed Shas.

The Labor hawks would not even be coming out against their own party, for they are absolutely correct when they claim that their position against such concessions is enshrined in the official Labor platform to the last elections. What they need is a realistic reading of their own power in their party – which in many spheres is in the process of breaking down – and a reasonable degree of political courage.

In his preface to Kennedy's book, historian Allan Nevins wrote: "Moral courage is great and admirable in itself; but it must be pointed out that it almost never appears except as part of that greater entity called character.

"A man without character may give fitful exhibitions of courage... but no man without character is consistently courageous, just as no man of real character is lacking in consistent courage. In short, moral courage is allied with the other traits which make up character: honesty, deep seriousness, a firm sense of principle, candor, resolution."

In his own summation on "the meaning of courage," Kennedy quotes John Quincy Adams's father, president John Adams, that, "It is not true, in fact, that any people ever existed who love the public better than themselves." On which JFK elaborates: "If this be true, what then caused the statesmen [who are the subject of his book] to act as they did? It was not because they 'loved the public better than themselves.' On the contrary, it was precisely because they did love themselves: because each one's need to maintain his own respect for himself was more important to him than his popularity with others; because his desire to win or maintain a reputation for integrity and courage was stronger than his desire to maintain his office; because his conscience, his personal standard of ethics, his integrity or morality [were] stronger than the pressures of public disapproval; because his faith that his course was the best one, and would ultimately be vindicated, outweighed his fear of public reprisal."

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on public affairs.



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Preparing for Sunday trading

COMMENT

NEIL COHEN

WHAT is going to happen when trading opens on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange on Sunday, and what should we do?

In a perfect world, the market would fall about two percent. Yes, TWO PERCENT, assuming that when it closed on Tuesday it was correctly valued. If the average stock market rises 10% on average each year, from 100 to 110, investors will lose 10% of that gain, their investment rising only to 109. To adjust to give them the same return the market would need to fall to 99, i.e., 1%.

I have generously thrown in a whole per cent more to account for the additional risk premium investors should logically demand to compensate them for their inability to offset losses against gains, which will result in their paying an effective tax rate higher than 10%.

This takes no account of the benefits to the economy from the reform package.

Now of course, markets rarely conform to mathematical theory. As of yesterday evening, the banks were reporting relative calm, rather than the wave of selling orders previously predicted. One source estimated the selling orders from all the banks together totaled about NIS 100 million, which is not terribly much.

However, this figure does not take account of the portfolio managers, who constitute a significant force in the market. And customers still have today and the first hours of Sunday morning to place their bets.

The reports said that the limits placed were in the region of 10%-12% for the Maof and Mishtanim stocks – i.e., selling orders at 10%-12% below Tuesday's closing prices – and 17% to 18% for the Karam stocks.

So what to do? Unless you really need to get out, either because you don't sleep well at night or because you need the money, I don't think you have a choice but to sweat it out. The more panicky investors get, the greater the chance of a real meltdown.

Wages and Benefits

IN case you had forgotten in all the frenzy, July's consumer price index was published on Monday, and it wasn't very good.

But there are some signs that some very sacred cows may yet be slaughtered, paving the way for psychological changes in the economy that bode more good than ill, although their impact on the economy – should they in fact happen – will not be felt for some time.

The wages of senior army officers were published last week: A lieutenant-colonel makes NIS 12,500 a month gross and a colonel NIS 14,000. These figures do not include tax-free use of a car and other benefits, as well as a budgetary pension after 20 years or so of service.

Everyone recognizes that high-quality people need to be attracted to army careers. But there must be a limit to any burden placed on the economy. That this issue is being debated in the open can only be a good thing.

The same goes for "budgetary pensions" which are pensions financed not out of employer or employee contributions but out of a budget of some sort (defense, Histadrut, state).

As the US public sector has learned, ballooning budgetary payments are becoming increasingly difficult to sustain, particularly when people can retire on them at 40. Haim Ramon is addressing the issue at the Histadrut and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat says he intends to review them in the public sector. None too soon.

Three suspected stock manipulators freed on bail

RAINE MARCUS

THREE portfolio managers suspected of acting as stock manipulation contractors were released on NIS 100,000 bail by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday.

They were arrested after an undercover Securities Authority investigator posed as a company manager's assistant and taped the three trying to persuade him to manipulate stocks.

Haifa residents Yehuda Buchnik, 33, Erez Zohar, 29, and Ze'ev Shir, 42, owners of the Pisgat Hahon investment company, are suspected of stock fraud, luring others into committing a crime, and conspiracy. They allegedly described themselves as a "money-making machine" which could help companies make large profits.

Securities Authority investigator Michal Nevo-Barak said in court that Shir and Buchnik tried to solicit the manager of a public company which trades on the Tel Aviv stock exchange to artificially manipulate shares. The two explained to the manager that his company warrants were about to expire, meaning that exercising the warrants would not be worthwhile unless they were artificially manipulated before they expired. Company managers would reap profits amounting to millions of shekels as a result of the operation, they said. Buchnik and Shir allegedly said that since they held most of the company's free-floating stock, they were in a position to artificially raise prices.

The company manager turned down their offer, for which they requested payment of a few million shekels, said Nevo-Barak.

The manager informed the Securities Authority of the offer, and an investigator posing as the manager's representative was sent to meet them.

Buchnik, Zohar and Shir presented him with their proposal: the company would send immediate activity reports to the stock exchange, then the manager would buy 150,000 nominal value shares to further reduce floating stock and to signal to the public that investing in the company was a viable proposition.

The three would then artificially raise shares – most of which were purchased by them and the company manager – by transferring them from one of their bank accounts to another bank account in one of their names.

The securities authority representative taped the discussions, including the suspects' demands for money for their service. The three also allegedly offered the "representative" a receipt for monies paid, for "consultation services."

The three allegedly told the "representative" they had already similarly helped other companies.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Jerusalem schools select Digital: Digital (Israel) has been selected to supply computers for the Jerusalem school system, including the Arab and haredi sectors. Some 1,200 Intel-486DX personal computers will be installed in 30 locations, mainly middle schools. Digital will also set up a central training center at Jerusalem's department of education. Other bidders for tender included IBM, Telcode and Eshed Robotec.

Oil refineries install backup system: A sophisticated emergency backup system has been developed by Israel Oil Refineries together with Tadiran Information Systems. The system allows for easy transfer to backup in cases of emergency, a need which was brought to the fore after the Gulf War.

Al-Bad invests in new production line: Fresh Ones manufacturer Al-Bad will invest $5 million in an additional production line for non-woven viscose fabric. The company has entered new markets in Russia, the Czech Republic, Korea and expanded its markets in Western Europe, increasing sales by 30 percent. The new plant will employ 10 shift workers and is expected to begin operation in mid-1995. Al-Bad supplies pre-moistened towelettes under its brand name, or as a private label manufacturer to major chains, and supplies head rest covers to El Al.

The Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce will offer debt collection services on foreign transactions. The service, conducted through the Groman law offices in Florida, extends to all countries with the exception of the former Soviet Union.

Shaul Pasternak, president of the insurance agents association, said the phenomenon of heavy losses on car insurance repeats itself on a two-year cycle. "The insurance companies demand permission from the Treasury to raise tariffs because of losses and then enter into wild and non-economic competition, which includes discounts to pressure groups and affiliates, absorbing new losses."

Pasternak recalled 1992, when several insurance firms collapsed or incurred heavy losses, "which were then covered by the insuring public in 1993 by means of very high insurance tariffs."

Border produce market proposed

RACHEL NEIMAN

THE Agriculture Ministry has presented Jordanian representatives to the peace talks with a proposal to establish an $82.4 million produce market at one of the planned Israel-Jordan border crossings.

Agriculture Ministry Director Yonatan Basi said the Beit She'an area would be given priority as the location for the project, one of several proposals presented to the Jordanians for joint agricultural projects. Beit She'an is halfway between Haifa in Israel and Irbid in Jordan.

Jordan regularly imports some $700m. in agricultural products per year, principally fresh fruits and vegetables. Bashi said these could be provided by Israel.

Meetings between the Israeli and Jordanian agriculture ministers will take place within the framework of the peace talks at the Dead Sea's Moriah Hotel.

Israel has further suggested the establishment of a training farm for demonstration of Israeli-developed agricultural methods and technologies. The estimated cost of establishing the facility is $10m.

Also on the table are joint projects in soil erosion management, waste water irrigation, flood control, veterinary activity, and environmental protection projects. The estimated cost of the joint projects is $100m.

The Manufacturer's Association has suggested that trade stations be established alongside Israel-Jordan border crossings in order to encourage joint economic activity. The proposed stations would be outfitted with exhibition space, a database and information network, and a distribution and transport center including duty areas and other services.

A list of 16 possible joint projects, in the areas of industry, hydro-energy and agriculture, as well as a technological education center, have been presented by the association to the relevant government bodies.

Drop in car's value after mishap must be compensated

THE drop in a car's value following its involvement in an accident is a form of direct damage, and insurance companies are required to compensate car owners for it based on the wording of comprehensive insurance policies in effect until July 1993, the Supreme Court ruled yesterday.

Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar and Justices Eliyahu Mazza and Dalia Dorner rejected an appeal by the Phoenix Insurance Company against the Tel Aviv District Court's decision ordering them to pay for the drop in value of Aharon Moriano's car, who was also injured in the accident.

Following that ruling, the company changed the wording of its policies to state that the company would not cover "resultant damage, including a drop in the value of the car for purely commercial reasons, which have no connection to the fact that the car was not completely repaired."

The justices criticized the insurance companies "who usually get most of the benefits in our cases" and noted that the change in the insurance policy was a retreat from the norm of equality before the law because of one sector's interests, and suggested the company rethink the idea.

The justices noted that in matters of public interest, advance notice should be given about conditions and allow the public to make its objections known in writing in public forums and in other ways.

They added that as regards insurance policies, the insured should be able to state their objections, which were probably not presented to the finance minister before the change in the policy was made.

Moriano, represented by lawyers David Sasson and Ilan Moriano, had a Phoenix property damage policy for his car. The Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court rejected his claim, but it was accepted in Tel Aviv District Court on appeal. Phoenix then appealed to the Supreme Court.

The justices rejected the company's claim that all that was involved was a psychological drop in value. They ruled that a drop in value because of an accident was no more "psychological" than a drop in value if the vehicle was not fully repaired.

The court ruled that the drop in value was direct damage, covered by the policy as in its previous wording, but added that the insured party had to produce proof of just how much damage was caused in order to collect. (Itim)

First Palestinian bank opens in Ramallah

THE Commercial Bank of Palestine opened in Ramallah yesterday, making it the first Palestinian-owned bank in the territories.

At the opening ceremony, Palestinian Authority finance minister Mohammed Zohari Nashashibi said the bank should adopt a conservative management policy and avoid risk, since it will be holding the money of the masses and the local economy is not strong enough to take on risks.

Nashashibi attacked Israel's control of the territories which he said "destroyed the Palestinians' social and economic structure during 24 years." Nashashibi spoke in the name of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, who did not attend the ceremony.

Suhil Gidon, chairman of the bank's board, said that all the directors were local Palestinians and that the bank would specialize in the local economy and not on developing business' relations with other countries. The bank will give loans of every type to residents and is planning to expand throughout the territories.

Gidon added that the bank is negotiating for the opening of a branch in Gaza and one on the Allenby Bridge.

The Commercial Bank of Palestine received a permit to operate in Ramallah two months ago.

In another development, the Palestinian Authority issued its first permit to the Palestine Investment Bank to operate in Gaza and Jericho, according to *Al Aswak*, a Jordanian business daily. The Palestine Investment Bank registered as a corporation with capital of $15 million.

Bank chairman of the board, Abed Kadar Kachi, said the bank already has offices in Gaza and Jericho and will start operating from there soon. He added that when the Palestinian Authority takes control of the remaining territories, the bank will open branches there as well. (Itim)

Clal Trade profits up 15% to NIS 4.7m.

COMPANY RESULTS

RACHEL NEIMAN

CLAL TRADE yesterday reported a 15.5 percent increase in net profits for the second quarter of 1994 to NIS 4.7 million, up from NIS 4.1m. last year, on revenues of NIS 185.7m. as compared with NIS 124.9m. in the same period last year.

The improvement was attributed mainly to increased sales of computers, international trade, retailing and the recent acquisition of Malam computers, whose results were included for the first time in the second quarter.

- **The New Tel Aviv Central Bus Station** has reported second quarter net losses of NIS 4m. as compared to a net loss of NIS 6,000 in the same period last year. Revenues on the facility, which opened transportation services to public in one year ago, were NIS 6.7m.
- **Urdan Industries** has experienced a 66% drop in net profits to NIS 1.5m. as compared with NIS 2.7m. on revenues of NIS 38.5m. as compared with NIS 43m. in the second quarter of 1993. Earnings per share were halved to NIS 0.07.
- **Elco Industries** has announced second quarter net profits of NIS 8.2m. as compared with NIS 6.6m., on revenues of NIS 85.9m. as compared with NIS 92m. in the same period in 1993. Quarterly earnings per share were NIS 1.12 as compared with NIS 0.92. last year.
- **Maman** has reported a net loss for the second quarter of 1994 of NIS 1.7m. as compared with a net gain of NIS 1.3m. in the same period last year. Revenues were NIS 36.2m., 12% higher than the NIS 32.2m. registered in the parallel period in 1993.
- **Clal Subsidiary ABN (Atarei Brut va-Nofesh),** formerly Assuta, reported a net loss of NIS 137,000 as compared to a net gain of NIS 254,000 on revenues of 709,000 for the second quarter of 1994.

The company, which owns the Assuta Hospital in central Tel Aviv, was acquired by Clal in June of this year.

- **Azorim** has reported 1994 second quarter net profits of NIS 4.5 million as compared with NIS 5.9m. in the same period last year, on revenues of NIS 127.4m. as compared with NIS 102.8m. Earnings per share fell to NIS 0.39 from NIS 0.54.
- **Jaf-ora** has announced quarterly net profits of NIS 3.2m. as compared with NIS 2.8m. on revenues of NIS 32.5m. as compared with NIS 29.6m. in the same period in 1993. Earnings per share held steady at NIS 0.11.

Bezek inaugurates ISDN, full service available in '95

JUDY SIEGEL

COMBINED transmission of audio, video and data over a single phone line – the new Integrated Services Digital Network – has been inaugurated on a small scale and will become fully available by the beginning of next year.

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South African Economic Statistics

			Prices 17.8.94	Prices 10.8.94	%Change
Exchange rates: (buy)	Commercial rand	:	3.586	3.611	0.68%
	Financial rand	:	4.540	4.595	1.20%
Interest rates: (Ry)*	Money market (BAs)	:	10.95%	10.95%	0.00%
	Escom 2008	:	14.37%	14.10%	1.91%
	Escom 2020	:	15.23%	14.95%	1.92%
	RSA 150	:	14.18%	13.97%	1.55%
	UAL Max Income	:	14.40%	14.42%	-0.14%
Prices: UTs: (buy)	OM Investors	:	R 42.3905	42.6850	-0.69%
	Escom 168	:	76.54325	77.95181	-1.81%
	Guardbank	:	36.1443	36.3565	-0.58%
	UAL Gilt	:	12.1785	12.2112	-0.27%
	Max Income		10.4374	10.4259	0.11%
Shares: (close)	De Beers	:	109.50	119.25	-8.18%
	Vaal Reef	:	390.00	405.00	-3.70%
	Anglo American	:	251.50	254.00	-0.98%
	Barlows	:	32.00	33.50	-4.48%
	SA Brews	:	87.75	88.50	-0.85%
	Sasol	:	30.50	33.25	-8.27%
	Tiger Oats	:	43.25	45.00	-3.89%
	Iscor	:	4.03	4.18	-3.59%
	JSE Actuaries Overall	:	5,763	5,823	-1.03%

*RY – running yield.

COMMENTS: Rand Merchant Bank economist Rudolf Gouws said, Government could not solve the situation by increasing taxes because SA's corporate taxes were among the highest in the world, and it could not borrow more because it was already crowding out the private sector. It also did not have the resources to stimulate the economy. Government's only options were to spend less and privatise state assets. Although privatisation alone would not solve the problem, it would make a significant difference especially if the proceeds were used to reduce government debt.

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WORLD MARKET REPORTS

- SOUTH AFRICA - BONDS: Our clients this week have been selling Escom 10% 1996 (E167), & buying Telkom 13% 1996 Govt. G'td. (TK01), to pick up 1%pt more in yield. Also, sell Transnet 11½ 1999 Govt. G'td. (T016) & buy Escom 15% 1998 (E169) to pick up 2½% pts in yield.
- SOUTH AFRICA - EQUITIES: De Beers results disappointed with attributable earnings down 3%. Quantities of competitive Russian uncut gems are hitting the market & are expected to have a continuing impact, so De Beers may have to cut back its quota. Further downside is limited by its 16.5% JSE index weighting, but we should avoid shares currently.
- EUROBONDS: were little changed on the week, as yields remained unchanged. Mexican & Brazilian bond prices improved on positive election sentiment. Nafinsa 10¾% 2001, yielding 9.79%, & Telebras 10% 1996 yielding 10.21%, look interesting. Trinidad & Tobago 11% 1997, rated BB+, priced at 103 & yielding 10.32%, are currently cheap for investors prepared to take BB risks.
- HONG KONG: The equity market was hit by disappointment with the Swire Pacific and HSBC interim results, as an over-bought condition was being unwound. US rate hike was fully discounted. Our clients are looking to buy Swire Pacific on weakness; avoid HSBC.
- KUALA LUMPUR & SINGAPORE: Share prices have been buoyant on election hopes, budget speculation, & the abolition of capital restrictions for foreign investors. Palm oil & rubber prices remain firm, and our clients are buying Malaysia's largest conglomerate, Sime Darby and in Singapore, OCBC shares.
- UNITED KINGDOM: The corporate results season is encouraging so far, with most results up to expectations. The FT-SE 100 Index is likely to test the 3200 resistance area. Our equity department is buying Cable & Wireless & Cookson Group shares.

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (18.8.94)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.250	4.600	5.000
Pound sterling (£100,000)	3.875	4.375	5.125
German mark (DM 200,000)	3.875	4.000	4.250
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	3.250	3.375	3.625
Yen (10 million yen)	0.625	0.750	1.000

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (18.8.94)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	BANKNOTES Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.3480	3.3950	—	—	3.3714
U.S. dollar	3.0080	3.0483	2.95	3.09	3.0280
German mark	1.9387	1.9660	1.90	1.99	1.9510
Pound sterling	4.6389	4.7041	4.54	4.76	4.6721
French franc	0.5644	0.5723	0.55	0.58	0.5683
Japanese yen (100)	3.0130	3.0575	2.96	3.10	3.0357
Dutch florin	1.7299	1.7502	1.69	1.77	1.7376
Swiss franc	2.3096	2.3421	2.27	2.37	2.3247
Swedish krone	0.3816	0.3872	0.37	0.39	0.3838
Norwegian krone	0.4399	0.4460	0.43	0.45	0.4427
Danish krone	0.4673	0.4942	0.48	0.50	0.4805
Finnish mark	0.5944	0.5926	0.57	0.60	0.5881
Canadian dollar	2.1911	2.2118	2.14	2.24	2.1978
Australian dollar	2.2256	2.2570	2.18	2.28	2.2430
S. African rand	0.8889	0.8518	0.83	0.79	0.8481
Belgian franc (10)	0.9364	0.9526	0.92	0.97	0.9468
Austrian schilling (10)	2.7545	2.7933	2.70	2.83	2.7725
Italian lira (1000)	1.8916	1.9164	1.85	1.95	1.9044
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.25	4.51	4.2848
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.86	0.91	0.8882
ECU	3.6787	3.7305	—	—	3.7062
Irish punt	4.5760	4.6404	4.47	4.75	4.6088
Spanish pesets (100)	2.3096	2.3421	2.24	2.40	2.3288

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

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Euro Disney completes financial restructuring

PARIS (Reuter) – Euro Disney SCA, the operator of the Euro Disneyland theme park, said yesterday it had completed its financial restructuring by paying off part of its mammoth debt with the proceeds of a recent capital increase.

The $1.09 billion payment, which was made last Friday, was the hinge for a whole complex restructuring package mapped out between Euro Disney, its parent Walt Disney Co, and its bankers.

"This was the last phase of a global restructuring plan," Euro Disney said in a statement.

Euro Disney formally launched its $1.12b. rights issue on June 20. The public were offered 51 percent while the Walt Disney Co, was to take up 49%. Saudi Prince al-Waleed bin Talal bin Abdulaziz agreed to take up to 24% of Euro Disney's capital in the deal.

The theme park also announced the departure of its finance director, Michael Montgomery, who was parachuted into the company in April last year, from his position as treasurer at Walt Disney Co, to work on the financial restructuring plan.

A company source said Montgomery, much respected by industry analysts for his handling of the restructuring, had left of his own accord to "pursue other opportunities."

The restructuring plan, described by Paribas Capital Markets analyst Nigel Reed as "one of the most complex restructurings there has been in recent times," came into effect on Friday when Euro Disney made the payment to its banks.

The huge cash transfer allowed it to cut its total debt to $3b. and its bank debt to $2.25b.

It also enabled an agreement with banks on interest-payment forgiveness worth $300.3m. and on the deferal of principal debt payments for three years to take effect.

"The reduction of bank debt set Euro Disney up in its restructured form," said one bank official.

As part of its financial restructuring plan, Euro Disney is also benefiting from waivers on management and royalty fees. Walt Disney agreed in March to abandon these payments for five years and accept reduced payments in following years.

Euro Disney will also receive $187.7m. of cash through the issue to Walt Disney of bonds redeemable in shares and benefit from the sale of assets for $262.8m.

"This cash will be available immediately," the spokesman said, adding that he could not say how it would be used.

However, Euro Disney said the full effect of the restructuring is not expected to be felt until its 1995 financial year, which begins on October 1, 1994.

FTSE drops 7.7 points

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) – Share prices closed weaker but on a rising trend, highlighting the absence of any weight of selling pressure, against the background of a lower Dow and easier FTSE futures after sharp gains yesterday.

The FTSE 100 closed 7.7 points off at 3,182.6 after moving briefly and marginally above 3,200, last seen in late March.

The Mid 250 index of second line stocks lost 1.3 points at 3,740.4. Volume was a healthy 673 million shares.

"Its been a day of good two-way business with little pressure either way. The market feels OK. We're seeing a decent amount of consolidation", one senior trader said.

PARIS - French shares lost 1.2% of their value yesterday in moderately active trading under the influence of a fall in share and bond futures after Germany's Bundesbank decided to keep its key interest rates unchanged.

Dealers said a weaker dollar also undermined sentiment.

The CAC-40 index of main shares closed down 24.44 points at 2,010.54 while August futures closed at 2,017 against 2,046 at Wednesday's close.

ZURICH - Swiss shares ended a lackluster day lower. Dealers said the market felt some pressure from Soffex where options and futures expire on Friday. Selling in SMI August futures put pressure on the cash market, dealers added. The broad SPI closed 8.20 points lower at 1,717.90.

TOKYO - Tokyo stocks ended mixed yesterday after sluggish trade.

Index-linked buying just before the close enabled the Nikkei average to finish in positive territory, but the dollar's fall below 100 yen made many investors reluctant to trade shares actively, brokers said.

"The Nikkei average ended up, but its narrow movements showed that the market is still directionless and in a stalemate," said Kazumasa Aiyoshi, deputy general manager at Societe Generale Securities.

The Nikkei ended up 38.21 points or 0.18% to 20,862.77. It moved in a range of only 90.62 points today.

HONG KONG - Hong Kong shares closed slightly lower on selective selling of property counters, although some laggard blue chips were snapped up during the day. The Hang Seng index finished down 19.09 points at 9,518.89.

SYDNEY - The emergence of offshore investors on the local bourse helped Australian stocks recover from their morning lows and close marginally firmer. The All Ordinaries Index closed 7.3 points stronger at 2,066.8.

JOHANNESBURG - South African shares ended generally higher and off the day's lows on Thursday as the gold price surged to $379/80 an ounce to offset the dampening effect of a sharply higher financial rand. Mild profit taking was seen near the close. Overall index ended nine points off at 5,814, the industrial index five up at 6,615 and gold index 29 up at 2,181.

Bundesbank exhibits caution in rates decision

FRANKFURT (Reuter) – The Bundesbank's decision to hold all its major interest rates unchanged yesterday was a signal to financial markets that it was not ignoring inflationary risks still latent in the German economy.

One well-placed financial source in Frankfurt told Reuters, "The Bundesbank's main task is fighting inflation and as far as prices are concerned there is still something of a problem."

Despite a slowdown in price rises in recent months and a marked deceleration in money supply growth, rampant expansion in German M3 money so far this year could have an effect on inflation down the road, he said.

Inflation has fallen to 2.9 percent, the lowest rate in over three years, and the Bundesbank announced on Thursday that M3 money supply growth had slowed to under 10% for the first time this year.

The financial source believed there was no certainty that the Bundesbank would automatically cut interest rates at its next meeting on September 1, just because no action had been taken this week.

But he thought the Bundesbank would continue to look carefully at inflationary indicators. "If there is more progress on the price stability front, there could be scope for lower interest rates," he said.

Most economists contacted by Reuters after the Bundesbank announced its decision on Thursday to leave its discount and Lombard lending rates unchanged at 4.50% and 6.00% respectively agreed there was scope for one more small cut.

But if, as may be the case, the Bundesbank does not act quickly, the economists thought the next reduction could come after federal elections on October 16.

Even though the Bundesbank's policy-making council represents a broad political spectrum, officials are believed to worry about the way its interest rate moves could be interpreted from a political standpoint.

Analysts said the Bundesbank was also stressing caution when, in addition to its decision to hold the discount and Lombard rates steady, it also pinned its other key interest rate, the "repo", at 4.85 percent for another two weeks.

Holger Fahrinkrug, Frankfurt economist for UBS, said the move was a little difficult to interpret, but he added: "It shows the Bundesbank is cautious and wants to keep control."

When it sets fixed repo tenders, the Bundesbank itself decides the interest rate at which it will provide cash to the banking system and it only does this when it wants to send clear signals to the market.

Fahrinkrug said the decision to set a fixed rate tender for next week could have been aimed at avoiding an unwelcome rise in the repo rate, which some dealers had said was a possibility as banks often bid aggressively for funds at the month's end.

However, the financial source said the reason to keep the rate steady for two weeks could be seen as a signal that the Bundesbank wanted to avoid an equally unwelcome sharp fall in repo rates in the second week.

Given recent 'upbeat economic forecasts from the government about the strength of the current German recovery, there has been some debate in Germany about whether the Bundesbank really needs to cut rates again in the current cycle.

WORLD BRIEFS

US trade gap narrows: America's worldwide trade gap narrowed modestly in June, the Commerce Department said yesterday, despite a sharply higher deficit with Japan that the Clinton administration said must be cut.

The overall US deficit on trade in goods and services eased 1.6 percent to $9.37 billion from a revised $9.52b. as growth in exports outstripped rising imports.

Notwithstanding the monthly improvement, Commerce Department officials estimated the US was on track for its second highest deficit ever on goods trade this year based on the first six months' performance. *Reuter*

London coffee prices drop: London coffee prices, boosted recently by fears for next year's key Brazilian crop, took a fresh turn downwards in thin trading yesterday after heavy losses in New York the previous day.

"There is general selling but the volume is low," one trader said. Coffee for November delivery opened $116 a ton lower at $3,250 and was down $106 at $3,260 at midsession.

Volume was just 1,471 lots in the morning and traders said London was again waiting for direction from New York.

New York's December contract ended 12.25 cents lower at 184.75 cents on Wednesday. *Reuter*

Ericsson profits soar: Swedish telecoms giant Ericsson announced a sharp 78% jump in pre-tax profit for the first half of 1994 yesterday and predicted significantly better earnings for the full-year.

New orders rose in the second quarter of 1994, the firm's 11th successive quarterly rise.

"Again, for the second quarter of 1994, we are reporting an improvement in order bookings," Chief Executive Lars Ramqvist said in the earnings report.

Pre-tax profit soared to $291m., above analysts' average expectations of $269m. *Reuter*

BASF AG, the first of Germany's three chemical giants to report interim results, yesterday said profits in the first-half of the year rose sharply and orders were much better than last year.

Group net profit grew to $273m. from $128m., while pre-tax profit jumped by more than 41% to $438m. from $310m.

But the earnings jump was below share analysts' forecasts of pre-tax profit of $443m. to $584m. and BASF shares fell on the Frankfurt bourse.

However, some share analysts said BASF's results might disguise a sharp increase in operating profit behind the disappointing pre-tax earnings number. *Reuter*

Dow declines as bond prices slide

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks declined yesterday, as bond prices slid on a Philadelphia regional economic report that reignited inflation fears.

The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond was down 1 3/32 point late in the day. Its yield, which rises when prices fall, stood at 7.49 percent, up from 7.40% on Wednesday.

Both markets were responding to a Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank survey of area manufacturers showing that despite some signs of a slowdown in economic activity, prices continue to rise.

The Philadelphia Fed's index of economic activity rose to 13.9 this month from 11.3 in July, suggesting that the area's manufacturing sector continues to expand.

Some indicators in the report suggested the opposite notion, that growth has slowed. New manufacturing orders edged lower, and the percentage of firms expecting to add to their payrolls was nearly offset by the number anticipating job cuts.

But particularly troubling to the financial markets was an increase in the Philadelphia Fed's prices-paid index, from 26.4 in July to 48.4 this month, the highest reading in more than five years. Analysts said that figure, taken with other indicators in the report, could signal that prices are rising despite slow growth.

Also troubling the stock market was a drop in the dollar, which fell as bonds weakened and on reports that Japan could pull out of trade talks if the US moved to impose sanctions on Japan. The dollar also fell on a report showing the US trade deficit with Japan widened to $5.52 billion in June from from $4.39b. in May.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended down 21.05 points at 3,755.43, based on early and unofficial data.

In the broader market, declining issues led advances 13 to eight on New York Stock Exchange volume of more than 286 million shares.

The yield on the Treasury's 30-year bond shot up to 7.50% from 7.40% at Wednesday's close.

Oil prices steady after surge on Nigeria crackdown

LONDON (Reuter) – Oil prices traded in a narrow range yesterday after sharp gains posted late the previous day when Nigeria's military government announced a crackdown on striking oil workers.

Benchmark Brent crude futures for October delivery stood at $17.04 a barrel at 1510 GMT, unchanged from Wednesday's close. October Brent soared by some 40 cents after the Nigerian news late on Wednesday.

Oil market analysts said that though the Nigeria risk factor had increased because of the possible reaction to the clampdown, there still appeared to be plentiful supplies, which was keeping a lid on prices.

"The stimulus from Nigeria was just one of the factors"... behind Wednesday's rising prices, said Alistair Harris, an analyst with Mees Pierson Derivatives in London. Among other factors was a sharp rise in US gasoline prices as data showed falling levels of inventories.

The Nigerian oil workers have been on strike since early July in protest at the detention of Moshood Abiola, the apparent winner of last year's voided presidential election.

In a televised address on Wednesday evening, military leader General Sani Abacha announced the sacking of the leadership of the oil unions as well as that of the umbrella Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC), which represents 41 trades unions. He said Abiola, who's trial for treason was delayed when the presiding judge resigned earlier this week, would remain in custody to face charges.

On Thursday morning, the leaders of PENGASSAN and NUPENG, the two main oil workers' unions, vowed to go underground and continue the strikes.

The strikes have brought Nigeria to a virtual standstill by choking off domestic fuel supplies. But crude oil exports – accounting for some 80 percent of government revenues and seen as the key to the strike – still appear to be moving at near-normal levels.

Nigerian oil production is reckoned to be running at about 80 percent of its normal level of 1.9 million barrels per day (bpd), of which exports usually account for about 1.6 million bpd. Nigeria produces mainly light, gasoline-rich crude, most of which is exported to refineries in the US and Western Europe.

Yesterday, industry sources in Nigeria said there were no signs yet of increased efforts to disrupt production and oil tankers continued to load ahead of a revised August schedule. Indeed, the operator of the 185,000 barrels per day Brass River system said that production was rising back toward normal levels.

The effect of the government's call for oil workers to go back to work isn't expected to be apparent until Monday because of a religious holiday on Friday.

"Clearly, if there is a civil war it's a different situation," said Christopher Bellew, an oil broker at Prudential Bache (Futures) Ltd.

Key Representative Rates

		Change
US dollar	NIS 3.0280	- 0.30%
Sterling	NIS 4.6721	+ 0.01%
Mark	NIS 1.9510	+ 0.18%

INT'L STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	3725.11	-21.37
DJ-Transport	1595.24	-18.4
DJ Utils	188.4	-1.54
DJ Comp	1301.39	-10.42
NYSE Indust	316.06	-3.88
NYSE Transport	241.6	-3.05
NYSE Comp	255.34	-1.06
S&P 100	427.56	-2.8
S&P Spot Index	482.6	-2.27
AMEX Comp	443.43	-1.51

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share movements	+892	817	1327
Volume up (in 1000's)			86251
Volume down (in 1000's)			146099

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	3182.6	-7.7
Tokyo Nikkei average	20862.7	+38.2
Singapore all-share index	-	-
Hong Kong Hang Seng Index	-	-

Israeli stocks in NY

	Last	Change
NYSE / AMEX		
Am Isr Pap	44	-0.625
Ampal A	8.625	-0.625
Anyl	2.1875	-0.1875
BioTechnology	2.4375	-0.125
Camtek Cont	9	-0.375
Frutarom (electrochem)	2.75	+0
Elscint	2.125	-0.25
Elz Laviot	8.75	-0.125
Elz Laviot A	7.25	-0.25
Laser T.	5.625	-0.375
PEC	25.75	-0.25
Tadiran	18.25	-0.75
NASDAQ / over-the-counter		
Aladdin	8	+0.25
4TH Dimension	7.25	+0.5
Ampal 6.6	24.5	+0.5
BVR	5.25	+0.5
Converse	9.625	+0
Data (Defense)	6.75	+0
ECI	18.8125	-0.1875
Edunetics	5.125	+0
Edu-Soft	10.75	-0.25
Electric Fuel	8.25	-0.75
EFR	23.25	+0.75
Elbit	23	+0
Elron	10.125	-0.125
Eshed Robotec	0.8125	+0
Fibronix	1.1875	+0.0625
M. Systems	4	+0.25
Gilat	11.75	-0.25
ISR	3.25	+0.5
Gecosk	10	-0.375
Health Tech	2.1875	+0
Idan	0.55375	-0.03125
IIS	3.625	+0.125
Indigo	16	+0
Intelpharm	16.5	+0.0625
Inrotronics	2.3125	+0.03125
First Isr Fund	19.5	+0.125
Israel	0.53125	-0.03125
Lannet	0.6875	-0.3125
Lanoptics	8.125	+0
Magal	4.625	-0.25
Media-Al	4.5	+0.25
Mercury	10.75	+0.25
Magic	6.375	-0.375
Orbotech	9.625	-0.375
Osnap Tech	2.625	+0
Rada	3.125	-0.25
Robomatics	2.125	-0.0625
Septeria	3.3125	-0.0625
Scitex	18.875	-0.375
Silicom	3.625	+0
T.A.T. Technol	3.125	-0.125
Tavo VR	5.75	-0.125
Telestats	9	+0
Telegraph	3.625	+0.125
Teva	26.625	-0.875
TVG	1.5625	+0

(All listings are closing quotes)

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INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar cross-rates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.5493	0
	Sep.future (CME)	1.5508	+0.0004
D-mark:	spot	1.5435	0
	Sep.future (CME)	0.6466	+0.0043
S-franc:	spot	1.286	0
	Sep.future (CME)	0.7726	+0.005
Yen:	spot	98.58	0
	Sep.future (CME)	0.010173	+0.000165
CanDlr:	spot	1.3767	0
	Sep.future (CME)	0.7249	-0.0013
AusDlr:	spot	0.7369	0
	Sep.future (CME)	0.7369	+0.0033
F-franc	spot	5.2985	0
It Lire	spot	1570.5	0
Nlg:	spot	1.7239	0
AuSchlg:	spot	-	-
Rand:	spot	-	-
ECU:	spot	1.2316	0
Bonds	future	102.719	-1.375
S and P	future	462.95	-1.9

Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	5	0
Dollar	6 months	5.3125	0
Dollar	12 months	6	0
Sterling	3 months	5.5	-
Sterling	6 months	-	-
Sterling	12 months	-	-
S-franc	3 months	4.25	0
S-franc	6 months	4.4375	0
S-franc	12 months	-	-
D-mark	3 months	-	-
D-mark	6 months	-	-
D-mark	12 months	-	-
Yen	3 months	-	-
Yen	6 months	2.375	0
Yen	12 months	2.6875	0

(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Sep) (CSC)	1400	+5
Coffee (Sep) (CSC)	162.75	+3.3
Sugar no.11 (Oct) (CSC)	12.11	+0.26
Wheat (Sep) (CBOT)	348.5	-0.75
Soybeans(Aug)(CBOT)	697	+0.25
Orange juice (Sep)(CEC)	99.85	-0.48
Crude oil light (Sep)(CEC)	17.74	

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Sep) (LCE)	1039	-18
Coffee (Sep) (LCE)	1374	-34
Brent crude oil (Sep)(IPE)	-	-

Spot market metals (US)

	Last	Change
Gold: spot	381.15	0
Silver: spot	5.17	0

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Aug)	-	-
Silver (Sep)	156.05	+0.85
Palladium (Sep.)	-	-
High-grade copper (Sep)	-	-

London metal fixes

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	-	-
Gold PM fix	-	-
Silver fix	-	-
Platinum PM fix	-	-

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date*

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INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

NEW YORK

Name	Price	chg
AMP Inc	72.375	-1
AMR Corp	68.375	+1
ASA	46.25	+1
Abbott Labs	30.125	-
Acme Cleveland	11.75	+0.125
Advanced Micro	28.5	-0.25
Aetna Life	60.75	+0.125
Affiliated Publ	19.75	-0.25
Aflac	35.375	+0
Ahmanson (H F)	21.5	+0.375
Air Prods	46	+0.25
Alberto-Culv B	21.875	+0
Albertson's	27.625	+0.75
Alcan Aluminum	24	-0.125
Alco Standard	63.75	+0.375
Allet & Alen	20.125	-0.125
Allegheny Power	21.5	+0.375
Allied Signal	35.125	-0.375
Alcoa	77.125	-0.125
Amax	30.75	+0.25
Amchem Corp	6.625	-0.25
Amerada Hess	33	+0.125
Amer Brands	34.25	-0.25
Amer Cyanamid	98.125	+0
Amer El Power	30.5	-0.125
Amer Express	27.5	-0.125
Amer Gen'l Corp	28.5	+0.125
Amer Greetting	29.75	+0
Amer Home Pr	59.75	-0.5
Amer Int'l	92.875	-0.875
Amer Med Ins	49.75	-0.75
Amer Stores	34	-0.25
Amer T & T	59.75	-0.375
Ameritech	41.5	-0.875
Ametek Inc	15.875	+0.5
Amoco	57.75	-0.25
Analog Devices	30.25	+0.375
Anheuser-Busch	62.125	-0.375
Aon Corp	34.75	+0.25
Apple Computer	34.625	-0.375
Archer Daniels	24.875	+0
Arkla	6	+0.125
Armstrong World	48	+0.125
Asarco	27.875	+0.125
Ashland Oil	41.75	-0.25
Atlantic Richfd	104.875	-0.25
Auto Data Pro	53.75	-0.25
Autoclesk	30.5	-0.5
Avery Dennison	33.75	+0
Avnet Inc	37.25	-0.5
Avon Products	59.25	+0.625
Baknco Corp	4.125	-0.125
Baker Hughes	18.375	-0.375
Ball Corp	27.5	+0.5
Bally	7	+0
Baltimore Gas	22.25	-0.375
Banc One Corp	34.25	+0.375
Barclay	5.5	+0.5
BankAmerica	47.5	+0
Bank of Boston	28	+0
Bank of New Yk	31.75	+0.5
Bankers Trst NY	69.875	-1.125
Barnett Banks	44.5	+0.75
Battle Mount Gd	12.125	+0.375
Bausch & Lomb	36.875	-0.625
Bauer Ind	27.25	-0.625
Becton Dickinson	44.125	-0.125
Bell Atlantic	55.375	-0.75
Bell Industries	18.75	+0.25
BellSouth	61	-0.625
HA Belo Corp	47.75	+0.5
Beneficial Corp	49.5	+0
Bethlehem Steel	20.375	-0.125
Beverly Entpr	13.5	-0.25
Black & Decker	22.375	+1
Boeing	48.125	+1
Boise Cascade	25.875	-0.25
Borden Inc	12	-0.25
Bowater Inc	25.625	-0.75
Briggs & Stran	76.375	-0.875
Bristl Myrs Squ	59.875	-1.25
Brt Airwy ADR	63	-0.875
BP ADR	76.375	+0
Brt Steel ADR	23.5	-0.75
Brt Telecom	59.375	+1.125
Brooklyn Union	24.5	-0.25
Brown Group	36.25	-0.5
Brown & Sharpe	6.75	-0.125
Browning Ferris	31	-0.5
Brunswick	23.125	-0.25
Burlington Nthn	40.625	-1
CBI Inds	27.625	+0.25
CBS Inc	911.125	-7.5
CMS Energy Corp	32.625	+0
CPC Intern	63.375	+0.625
CSX Corporation	74.375	-0.875
Cabot Corp	36.875	+0
Campbell Soup	58.25	+0
Capital Cit ABC	76.625	+0.875
Capital Holdings	7	-
Carolina Pwr Lt	28.125	-0.125
Carpenter Tech	53.375	+0
Carter Hawley	-	-
Caterpillar	108.125	-1.625
Cemetion Energy	10.25	+0
Centex Corp	35.125	-0.375
Central & SW	21.5	+0.125
Cerridian	25.75	+0.125
Champion Intl	33.5	+0.25
Chmg Shoppes	6.5125	-0.3125
Chase Manhattan	35.875	-0.375
Chemical Bkg	38.625	-0.25
Chevron Corp	42.25	-0.25
Chiquita Brands	15	+0.125
Chrysler	47.25	-1.125
Chubb Corp	45.5	+0.25
Cincorp	42.125	-0.625
Clark Equipment	68.125	-0.125
Clevid Cliffs	40.5	-0.25
Clorox	48.75	-0.5
Coastal Corp	30.75	+0.75
Coca Cola	47.25	+1.125
Coca Cola Ent	17.5	+0.25
Colgate Palmotv	55.625	-0.25
Comcast Corp A	17.5625	+0.0625
Commerce Edison	24.125	-0.25
Compaq	37.25	-0.25
Compute Ass Int	40	-1
Computer Sci	42.125	+0
Conagra	32	-0.375
Conn Edison	27.25	-0.375
Cons Freightways	22.5	-0.625
Cons Nat Gas	40	+0.125
Cons Rail	63.25	-0.25
Cons Stask Corp	37.875	+0.25
Contl Corp	17	-0.25
Cooper Inds	37.875	-0.125
Coors (Adolph)	18.4375	-0.4375
Corning Inc	29.875	+0
Crane	25.875	-0.25
Cray Research	25.375	-0.75
Cronus Cork Seal	35.125	-0.25
Cummins Engine	39.5	-0.875
Curtiss-Wright	34.875	+0
Cyprass Semicon	18.625	+0.5
Cypress Mineral	28.375	-0.125
DSC Commun	24.75	-0.375
DOE	30.5	-0.375
Dana Corp	28.125	+0.375
Data General	8	-0.125
Dayton Hudson	85.25	+0
De Beers	24.125	-0.5625
Deere	67.25	-0.875
Delta Pir & L	48.25	-1.125
Delta Air Lines	48.25	-1.125
Deluxe Corp	28.75	-0.125
Detroit Edison	26.5	-0.375
Dial Corp Del	23.125	-0.125
Diebold Inc	45.25	-0.25
Digital Equip	21.625	+0.5
Dillard Dep St	27.375	+0.625
Disney (Walt)	42.75	-0.625
Dominion Res	37.75	-0.875
Donnelley (RR)	28.375	+0.125
Dover Corp	59.5	-0.125
Dow Chemicals	69.5	+0.25
Dow Jones	31	-0.25
Dresser	20	-0.375
Dreyfus Corp	59.25	+0.125
Duke Power	37.625	-0.375
Dun & Bradst	58.75	-0.125
Du Pont	58.875	-0.625
E G & G Corp	15	-0.25
E-Systems	38.625	-0.125
Eastern Ents	26.125	+0
Eat Kid Scorp	41.5	-0.25
Eastman Kodak	44.875	+0.75
Ek Aliselelpp	15.125	-0.125
Ek Union Rity	6.375	+0
Ekart Fini Grp	39.125	-0.75
Ekerord Entrgy	22.5	-0.5
Ekerord Co Dk	28.5	-0.5
Florida Prog	28.25	-0.25
Fluor Corp	51.125	+0
Food Lion Inc	5.625	+0
Ford Motor	28.75	-0.875
Foster Wheeler	38.375	-0.375
Freeport McMor	16.75	+0.375
GATX Corp	40.375	+0.125
Galco Corp	48.5	+0.25
GTE Corp	31.625	-0.25
Gannett	50.75	-0.75
Gap Inc Del	42.625	+1.125
Gatecorp	13.625	+0.125
Gen Am Investr	21	+0
Gen Dynamics	41.75	-0.25
Gen Electric	47.125	-0.75
Gen Mills	55.375	+1.625
Gen Motors	50	-1
Gen Motors E	35.25	-0.5
Gen Public Us	25.75	-0.125
Gen Reinsurance	111.125	-0.875
Gen Signal	34.5	+0.125
Gensuine Parts	35.75	-0.25
Georgia Pac	64.625	-0.625
Gerber Prodcts	52.25	+0.125
Gillette	70.25	+0.375
Glaxo ADR	19.5	+0
Golden W Fin	41.375	+0.125
Goodrich (BF)	45.875	-0.25
Goodyear Tire	34.375	-0.125
Grace (W&R)	39.75	+0.375
Grainger (WW)	64.875	-0.5
Gt. Atl Pac Tea	20.75	+0
Grt Western Fin	20.25	-0.5
Grow Group	15.125	+0.125
Halliburton	29.25	-0.125
Hanna (MA)	28.5	-0.25
Harcourt	32.875	-0.625
Harnischfeger	22.125	-1.25
Harris Corp	46.75	+1.25
Hartdo Corp	39.875	-0.125
Hermax	5.375	-0.125
Hershe	31.125	-0.125
Hecla Mining	9.875	+0.5
Heinz (HJ)	38	+1
Hench & Payne	28	+0.5
Hercules	101.125	-2.875
Hershey Foods	45.5	+0.25
Hewlett Packard	97.25	+0.125
Hilton Hotels	58.375	-1.125
Home Depot	44	+0.125
Homestake	19	+0.375
Honeywell	53	+0.5
Hormel (Geo)	22.375	-0.5
Household Int	38.125	+1
Houston Inds	33.875	-0.375
Humana	19.375	+0.25
ITT Corp	82.875	-1.625
Illinois Power	7	-
Illinois Tool	42.125	+0.375
Imcera Group	-	-
INCO	26.375	+0
Ingersoll Rand	36.375	-0.375
Inland Steel	37.375	-0.125
Intel Corp	63.0625	-0.6875
Intergraph	9.6875	-0.0625
Interlake	2.125	-0.125
IBM	66.125	+1.25
Int Fnly Entp	13.75	-0.375
Int Flav & Fr	42.25	-0.125
Int Multifoods	16.25	+0.375
Int Paper	71.5	-0.375
Interpublic	33.875	+0.375
James River Va	20.75	+0
Jefferson Pil	53.75	-0.375
Johnson & J	48.375	-0.875
K Mart	17.875	-0.25
Kellogg	58.625	+2.125
Kerrmcgee	58.25	-0.125
Kerr-McGee	47.75	-0.625
KeyCorp	32.625	-0.125
Kimberly-Clark	57.75	+0
King World Prod	27.5	+0.25
Knight Ridder	52.75	+0
Kroger	24.875	-0.125
LSI Logic	30.25	-0.25
Leggett & Plats	36.375	+0.25
Liz Claiborne	33.5	-0.125
Lilly (Eli)	57.25	-0.25
Limited Inc	19.875	+0.25
Lin Broadcasting	128.75	-0.5
Lincoln Nat	38.125	+0.125
Litton	58	+0.25
Liz Claiborne	21.125	-0.25
Lockheed Corp	54.125	-0.25
Loews Corp	88.625	+0
Lone Star	17	-0.125
Long Island Lt	18	-0.125
Longs Drug Sts	33.25	-0.25
Loral Corp	38.5	-1.125
Lotus Dev Corp	41.375	-0.375
Louisiana Land	41.125	-0.25
Louisiana Pacif	30.875	-0.375
Lowe's Co Inc	34.625	-0.125
Lubrizol	32.375	-0.375
MA Comm Inc	7.625	-0.125
MCI Commun	22.75	+0
Manor Care	25.125	-0.5
Manville Corp	8.25	-
Marcor Inc	36.625	+0.375
Marion Merrell	22.75	-0.25
Marriott	29.375	-0.625
Marsh & McLn	83.875	-1
Martin Marietta	175	-0.5
Masco Corp	25.75	+0.125
Massmutual Corp	33	+0.25
Mattel Inc	27.125	+0.25
Maxus Energy	4.875	-0.125
May Dept St	39.25	+0.5
Maytag Corp	18.5	-0.25
McDermott	25.5	-0.25
McDonalds	29.375	-0.125
McDonnel Dglas	115.75	-0.5
McGraw Hill	99.375	-0.375
McKesson Corp	38.25	+0.375
Mead Corp	48.625	+0
Mechtronic	65.75	-1
Medtr Bk	57.5	-0.125
Mellnly Corp	58	-0.375
Mentor Graphics	10.375	+0.875
Mercantile Stre	38.125	+0.25
Merck Inc	53.75	-0.25
Meridian Corp	46.5	+0
Merrill Lynch	37.25	-0.125
Microsoft Corp	55.5	-0.375
Millipore	62.75	+2.75
Mitsi Bshby App	46.125	+0.875
Minnesota Mine	53.5	-0.75
Mitchell Energy	18.75	-0.125
Mobil Corp	89.625	-0.5
Molex Inc	38.25	-0.375
Monarch Mkting	9.625	+0.125
Morrisons	62.25	+0.875
Morgan (JP)	84.25	-0.125
Morrison-Knudsn	16.25	+0.375
Morton Intl	29	+0.625
Motorola Inc	52.625	-0.5
Multimedia Inc	39.25	-0.75
Murphy Oil	44.75	+0.125
Nacco Inds	57.25	+0.25
Nalco Chemical	34.375	-0.5
Nashua Corp	29	-0.125
Nat City Corp	29

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Friday, August 19

Jerusalem: Kupat Holim Clalit, Straus A, 3 Avigdori, 706680; Balsam, Salah e-Din, 272315; Shuafat, Shuafat Road, 810108; Dar Aldawa, Herod's Gate, 282058.
Tel Aviv: Bnut, 28 King George, 5283731; Pinsker, 41 Yirmeyahu, 5442050.
Ra'anana-Kfar Sava: Bar-Ilan, 29 Bar-Ilan, Ra'anana, 443579.
Netanya: Neot Shaked, Ezorim Commercial Center, 352484.
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Saturday, August 20

Jerusalem: (day) Amona, 9 Leib Yaffe, 731901; (evening) Kupat Holim Clalit, Straus A, 3 Avigdori, 706660; (day and evening) Balsam, Salah e-Din, 272315; Shuafat, Shuafat Road, 810108; Dar Aldawa, Herod's Gate, 282058.
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Netanya: Hasharon mall, Herzl, 617766.
Kiryat area: Merkaz Menahem, 92 Sd. Yerushalayim, Kiryat Yam Alef, 759441.
Haifa: Nordau, 13 Nordau, 664039.
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Saturday, August 6

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Tel Aviv: Tel Aviv Medical Center (pediatrics), Ichilov (internal, surgery).
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2 more cases opened against the Jackal

PARIS (AP) – Two more cases will be reopened to try Carlos the Jackal for terrorist attacks on France's train system in the 1980s, Justice Minister Pierre Mehaignerie said yesterday.

Carlos, one of the world's most-wanted terrorists on the run, was arraigned Tuesday for a 1982 bombing just off the Champs Elysees that killed one person and injured 63.

The cases expected to bring new charges against the 44-year-old Venezuelan concern the March 1982 bombing of a Toulouse-Paris express train that killed five people, and New Year's Eve 1983 bomb attacks on Marseille's main train station which killed four people and on another express train that killed two.

Carlos' controversial attorney also found himself facing more accusations that he collaborated with Carlos around the time of those attacks, acting as a middleman between the Venezuelan and the French government.

Lawyer Jacques Verges was an "emissary" of Carlos to the French government in 1982, when he was defending Magdalena Kopp – who later married Carlos – and Bruno Breguet, former senior officials were quoted as saying.

Kopp and Breguet had been arrested in Paris with a carful of explosives.

Verges contacted Roland Kessous, an adviser to then interior minister Gaston Defferre, passing on the message from Carlos that "it was not in France's interest to keep the two," Kessous was quoted as saying in the respected daily *Le Monde*.

Carlos, now 44, had sent a letter to Defferre in late February 1982 threatening violence if Kopp and Breguet weren't released in 30 days. On March 29 came the deadly Paris-Toulouse train attack.

The prosecution's demands were then watered down, to three years for Breguet and two years for Kopp. They nevertheless received five and four years, respectively, before being released after serving three years.

On Wednesday, *Le Monde* quoted Stasi documents as calling Verges an "operational member" of Carlos' subversive organization, with the mission of bribing Breguet's and Kopp's way out of prison.

Verges has dismissed the Stasi documents as "disinformation," but the claims raised speculation that Verges may have been a Carlos collaborator, and the Socialist government at the time had cut a deal with a terrorist at large.

Verges has also said he never met Carlos until this Tuesday, the day after Carlos' arrest was announced amid great fanfare in Paris.

In addition to the cases reopened Thursday, Carlos is also expected to be retried for the 1975 shooting deaths of two counterintelligence agents and an informer when they came to his Paris apartment to investigate attacks on Israeli jetliners. He had been sentenced in absentia in 1992 to life in prison, but under French law must be tried again.

Mandela: Truth commission to uncover apartheid crimes

CAPE TOWN (AP) – With plans to improve the lives of impoverished blacks in place, President Nelson Mandela said yesterday that he would push ahead with a truth commission to uncover the crimes of apartheid.

Marking his first 100 days in office, Mandela's comments on a truth commission threatened to draw renewed opposition from right-wing whites who would have to disclose their involvement in crimes before being considered for amnesty.

Former President F.W. de Klerk, now a deputy president in Mandela's Cabinet, cast cold water on the 100-day milestone, saying his National Party had considered withdrawing from the coalition government over a political dispute with Mandela's African National Congress.

De Klerk also said he had objections to Mandela's plans for a truth commission, but refused to elaborate.

Conceding that his plans had generated "some apprehension," Mandela said he had decided to go ahead in the interest of national healing.

"What this issue raises is how we deal with a past that contained gross violation of human rights – a past which threatens to live with us as a festering sore," South Africa's first black president told parliament.

The commission would act not as a court or tribunal, he said, but would bring to light past misdeeds in the course of administering a constitutionally required amnesty program and paying compensation to victims or their survivors.

The survivors of black activists killed by security forces have objected to amnesty for those who fought to maintain the discriminatory system; Mandela may hope to placate them by ensuring they are somehow compensated for their loss.

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Elias Canetti, Nobel laureate in literature, dead at 89

ZURICH (AP) – Elias Canetti, the reclusive writer and fugitive from Nazism who won the 1981 Nobel Prize in literature, has died, a relative said yesterday. He was 89.

Canetti, a Bulgarian-born British citizen who wrote in German, died Sunday, said the relative, who asked not to be identified. The cause of death was not disclosed.

Canetti was buried Wednesday beside Irish author James Joyce. Zurich Mayor Josef Estermann said Canetti had expressed the wish to be buried in Zurich, a city he fell in love with during childhood.

Canetti went into seclusion after being named winner of the Nobel Prize "for writings marked by a broad outlook, a wealth of ideas and artistic power."

The Swedish Academy, which administers the prize, likened Canetti to Feodor Dostoevski and European writers of the early 20th century whom he admired, including Franz Kafka.

Canetti began writing dramas and novels in the early 1930s, but developed a wide following among German readers only in 1960 with the publication of the first volume of his major work, *Masse und Macht* (Crowds and Power).

In a rare meeting with reporters in 1981, he noted that a theme common to his writings was "the importance of crowds in modern life, the terrifying importance of power which is in danger of destroying the whole earth."

Canetti won the Nobel Prize at a time when the Swedish Academy was using the prize to draw attention to local masters who were unknown to a worldwide audience.

Canetti was born on July 25, 1905, in Rustchuk, Bulgaria.

In 1911 he moved with his parents to Manchester, England. On the death of his father two years later he moved to Vienna, where he attended school before continuing his education in Zurich and in Frankfurt, Germany. He returned to Vienna to earn a doctorate in chemistry.

Facing the Nazi takeover of Austria, Canetti, of Spanish-Jewish descent, left Austria in 1938 and went to Paris and then London, where he worked as freelance writer and was granted a British passport.

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Israel's traffic fatality rate was 9.3 per 100,000 residents in 1993. For England, the comparable rate was 10.0, for Switzerland it was 14.0, for France it was 16.4 and for the United States it was 17.3. Among those countries' rates published by the ministry, only Sweden at 7.0 and Japan at 8.6 per 100,000 residents had lower rates than Israel.

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The "per resident" statistics are meaningless. What counts is the number of fatalities per vehicle/population. In this, Israel occupies second (and sometimes third) place. – *Ed. J.P.*

MISPLACED KIBBUTZ

Sir, – I read with interest your article on the current emotions of the Arava farmers ("Desert farmers: torn between ideology and survival," *J.P.*, August 5), facing a tense period of uncertainty regarding the future of their land and water supply.

I feel that when discussing a subject so sensitive and potentially devastating to the parties involved, an utmost effort should be made to get the facts right. The map that was printed not only totally misplaced the moshavim mentioned, but also failed to note the existence of Kibbutz Yahel, north of Kibbutz Lotan. The present situation is sufficiently confusing, and needs no further confusion added by factual misrepresentation by the press.

YONATAN COHEN,
Economic Manager
Kibbutz Yahel.

ENGLISH PRONUNCIATION

Sir, – An American Jew, a doctor in Albany, New York, a good friend of Israel, has no other worries about Israel right now, which goes through maybe the most crucial times in its existence, than Shimon Peres's pronunciation.

He seems to forget that Peres is not a secretary in the American government – he is an Israeli in the Israeli government.

What a poor comparison to David Levy who is a Moroccan and speaks probably a good French. When he was foreign minister, he did not know English at all. Of course he needed a translator – how else?

Peres speaks a perfect and fluent English and brings his message through clearly wherever he speaks. Personally, I seldom agree with what he says, but one has to be objective.

PEPI WEISS
Tel Aviv.

Debate over foreign players tempers start to Premier League

LONDON (AP) – On the heels of the World Cup, the excitement accompanying the start of another Premier League soccer season has been tempered by a new debate over the state of the English game.

On the surface, there's a lot to get excited about. Manchester United's group of international all-stars, who missed England's first-ever treble by just one game last season, will be aiming for a third straight league title and a second consecutive Football Association Cup crown.

The post-World Cup signing period proved a bonanza for several English teams, notably troubled Tottenham. The Spurs signed German superstar Juergen Klinsmann to help bail the team out from a 6-point starting deficit in the standings – part of a sanctions package imposed by the FA on the club for past financial irregularities.

But England is still smarting from its failure to qualify for the World Cup. Players and coaches have laid much of the blame on the long domestic season, which leaves young stars suffering burnout and older ones more injury-prone.

This week, however, the head of the players' union, Gordon Taylor, fingered a new culprit – cheap foreign imports.

Taylor warned that big-money transfers – such as Chris Sutton's British record £5 million move from Norwich to Blackburn – were inflating the market, forcing less wealthy clubs to look abroad for cheaper options.

"You don't want people coming in who are no better than the people here, just cheaper," Taylor said. "Not so long ago we were teaching the Americans how to play. Now I've got work permits for them piling up on my desk."

One of those work permits belongs to Cobi Jones, the dreadlocked US World Cup midfielder signed by Coventry for £300,000. The team has been waiting for four weeks for the paperwork to come through, and now it appears Jones will still be cooling his heels in the United States when Coventry opens at home against Wimbledon tomorrow.

"I don't know why Taylor's taken that stand," said US striker Roy Wegerle, who is expected to line up with Jones at Coventry. "Foreign players are good for this league. There's some foreign talents here that are good for the pedigree of this league."

While Jones' application is still pending, another American hopeful, goalkeeper Brad Friedel, has been turned down by the government on advice from Taylor. Friedle was purchased by Newcastle, but Taylor said the Magpies already had two top-notch goaltenders and he didn't see a need for a third. Newcastle is appealing.

Of the more than 100 foreigners from some 37 countries expected to play in England this season, none will be watched more than Klinsmann.

Purchased from Monaco for £2m., Klinsmann was brought in by Spurs' Argentine manager Ossie Ardiles along with another foreign player, Romania's Ilie Dumitrescu, to reinforce the team's uphill climb to avoid relegation. Tottenham opens tomorrow with a road game at Sheffield Wednesday.

Wegerle reflected the commonplace view that Manchester United and Blackburn, first and second place last season, will again be the teams to beat.

"They have the biggest depth to choose from and that's what usually wins championship races," Wegerle said.

Arsenal, boosted by the signing of £1.75m. midfielder Stefan Schwarz, should again be a serious challenger. The Gunners were fourth last year, even though it seemed Ian Wright – 30 goals out of a total team of 67 – was the only one scoring.

The bookmaker Ladbrokes has United at 5-4, with Blackburn 4-1 and Arsenal 5-1. The Reds open at home to Queens Park Rangers, with Blackburn at Southampton and Arsenal hosting Manchester City.

Elsewhere tomorrow, it's Chelsea vs. Norwich, Crystal Palace vs. Liverpool, Everton vs. Aston Villa, Ipswich vs. Nottingham Forest and West Ham vs. Leeds.

Leicester, promoted from Division One along with Palace and Forest, hosts Newcastle on Sunday.

In Division One, early leader Oldham visits Port Vale and manager Bryan Robson's Middlesbrough plays at Southend tomorrow. Wolverhampton, led by former England manager Graham Taylor, visits Notts County on Sunday.

In Scotland, the big game pits six-time defending champion Rangers against Partick. Both were winners in their opening matches last Saturday.

McMillan's unbeaten 91 saves South Africa from disaster

LONDON (Reuter) – South African all-rounder Brian McMillan hit a defiant, unbeaten 91 as England's pace bowlers led by debutant Joey Benjamin battled for supremacy on the opening day of the third and final Test yesterday.

McMillan, whose century stand with wicketkeeper Dave Richardson was at the core of South Africa's 326 for eight, held on as England sought to end their innings before the close at The Oval with Benjamin and Phil DeFreitas taking three late wickets in the final session.

Benjamin, who took four for 42 in 17 overs in his first day of Test cricket, grabbed the crucial wicket of Richardson, caught by wicketkeeper Steve Rhodes when he was on 58.

The score then was 260. The South African pair had been together since the previous wicket at 136 had completed the fall of the touring side's top five batsmen.

South Africa's position had been worsened when Jonty Rhodes was struck on the head and forced to retire hurt after he had scored only eight runs. He was later given the all clear after a hospital brain scan but was to remain in hospital overnight for additional observation.

Rhodes, who suffers from reflex epilepsy which can be triggered by a blow to the head, was hit near the ear by a Devon Malcolm delivery.

He suffered a concussion, but a team spokesman said he would be able to rejoin the team today.

The day ended with the match finely balanced and McMillan on the verge of a maiden Test century as England seek to save the series with a victory following South Africa's triumph at Lord's in the first test.

The second Test was drawn.

Before their fightback South Africa, who won the toss and chose to bat, looked likely to be blown away by the four-pronged pace attack of Benjamin, Malcolm, DeFreitas, who took three wickets for 90, and Darren Gough.

DeFreitas took first blood, having Gary Kirsten caught behind in his second over for just two runs with a ball cleverly angled across the left-hander.

Kirsten's half-brother Peter, who hit a superb century in the second test at Headingley, was next to go, bowled by Malcolm with a rapid inswinger for 16.

Hansie Cronje staged a minor recovery with captain Kepler Wessels before being trapped lbw by Benjamin for 38.

The final delivery before lunch completed a morning of misery for South Africa when the recalled Daryll Cullinan edged DeFreitas to give Rhodes his second catch.

Wessels survived a couple of near catches before going for 45, lbw to Benjamin.

McMillan and Richardson then played South Africa out of trouble before Benjamin's two late wickets in quick succession, his dismissal of Richardson being followed six runs later by Craig Matthews, caught at slip by Graham Hick for a duck.

DeFreitas rounded off the day's haul when he had Fanie de Villiers caught by Alec Stewart for 14 with the South African total at 301.

Alan Donald is unbeaten on 11 with McMillan and Rhodes could still come back to add to his eight runs.



HOWZAT – England bowler Phil DeFreitas celebrates after dismissing South African opener Gary Kirsten with his 12th delivery of the day in the final Test at The Oval. (Reuter)

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Smashnova upsets Rubin in Canadian Open

MONTREAL (Reuter) – Israel's Anna Smashnova beat 15th-seeded Chanda Rubin 6-1, 6-2 on Wednesday and advanced to the third round at the $750,000 Canadian Open.

Top seed Steffi Graf fought through back problems to defeat Naoko Sawamatsu of Japan 6-1, 2-6, 6-2 to advance to the quarter-finals.

Graf received two on-court treatments from the tour trainer for her lower back problem in the third set of her third-round match.

Montreal-born Mary Pierce of France beat Rachel McQuillan of Australia 6-3, 6-3 to win her first tour match since the French Open and delight the local fans.

Other seeded players advancing were third seed Kimiko Date of Japan, seventh seed Amanda Coetzer of South Africa and ninth seeded Lori McNeil of the United States.

Pierce played four matches at the Federation Cup in July but had not played a tour match since losing to Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain in the final of the French Open on June 5.

Pierce, ranked No. 5, is a big crowd favorite at Jarry Tennis Stadium because she was born in Montreal in 1975. She left Canada when she was five months old.

McNeil, ranked 17th, moved into the third round with a 2-6 win over France's Alexia Dechaume-Balleret. Muscle spasms in the left hip forced the 81st-ranked Dechaume-Balleret to retire with the score 2-6 6-3 1-0 in the American's favor.

In other matches, Elena Likhotseva of Kazakhstan defeated 12th-seeded Iva Majoli of Croatia 6-4, 6-4 and Nathalie Baudone of Italy beat 13th-seeded Nathalie Tauziat of France 6-4, 6-3.

Christie wins 100 meters

ZURICH (AP) – Linford Christie of Britain beat a top lineup of American sprinters to take the men's 100-meter dash in a rain-soaked Weltklasse Grand Prix track meet Wednesday.

Americans won the top three places in the men's 400 meters, however, with Derek Mills in first at 44.93 seconds, Quincy Watts at 45.03 and Steve Lewis at 45.12.

The weather played havoc with some of the events and dashed hopes of setting world records in competition among leading world athletes. The men's pole vault had to be called off.

The women's long jump was won by Inessa Kravets of Ukraine with 7.09 meters.

Steve Smith of Britain won the high jump at 2.28 meters. Javier Sotomayor of Cuba, world record holder at 2.45 meters, failed to place.

Michael Johnson of the US won the 200 meters in 20.33 seconds after fighting a strong head wind.

"There are those people who said I'm too old," said Christie, the 34-year-old Olympic champion, after finishing the 100 in 10.05 seconds under a steady drizzle. "I'm old, but I'm not cold."

Jon Drummond of the US, who had boasted he would break the world record at Zurich, was second in 10.15, and Olapade Adeniken of Nigeria was third in 10.22.



THAT WINNING FEELING – Linford Christie waves after his 100-meter victory in Zurich.(AP)

Leroy Burrell, who set the world mark of 9.85 at Lausanne, Switzerland only a month ago, finished a poor seventh at 10.39 after struggling in his first heat. Dennis Mitchell, this season's most consistent runner with five times under 10 seconds, was fourth in 10.23.

The only top American missing from the star-studded race was Carl Lewis, who has often taunted Christie as avoiding a showdown with him. Lewis bowed out from the Zurich meet Monday because he is recovering from a stomach infection.

World record holder Noureddine Morceli of Algeria won the men's 5,000 meters in 13 minutes 3.85 seconds.

Derrick Adkins of the US nipped Samuel Matete of Zambia at the wire to take the men's 400-meter hurdles, and Irina Privalova of Russia pounded through through a downpour to snatch a photo finish victory from archrival Gwen Torrence of the US in the woman's 200 meters.

Adkins clocked a disappointing 47.90 at the prestigious men's event.

Venuste Niyongabo of Burundi took the men's 1,500 meters in a driving rain with a time of 3 minutes, 36.15 seconds.

Olympic and world champion Andrey Abduvaliyev of Tajikistan turned in the second best result of the year in the hammer throw with a toss of 83.24 meters, bettering European champion Vasily Sidorenko of Russia with 82.02 meters and Igor Astapkovich of Belarus with 80.5 meters.

Congress, fans attempt to pressure end to baseball strike

WASHINGTON (AP) – Baseball fans would help settle future Major League Baseball disputes under legislation introduced Wednesday in the US Senate.

The bill, sponsored by Senator Dennis DeConcini, would establish a five-member major league baseball commission consisting of three fans selected by the president, one player and one owner.

It would have the power to impose binding arbitration to settle disagreements between players and owners and regulate expansion, ticket prices, stadium financing, television revenues, marketing and merchandising.

Over the course of the six-day-old strike, 74 games have been canceled. With no negotiations scheduled between union and management representatives, the work stoppage will likely become today's baseball's second-longest in terms of canceled games, behind the 50-day strike in 1981 which wiped out 712.

The Montreal Expos became the first club to announce layoffs during the baseball strike. The club said Wednesday that 35 employees were put on vacation this week and they will be laid off when their vacations end after the strike's second week.

In another attempt to pressure baseball to end its strike, an organization of sports aficionados and a consumer group began a petition drive Wednesday.

Sports Fans United and the Consumer Federation of America said they expect to gather "thousands and thousands" of names on paper petitions and through a computer network service urging Congress to step in and end the strike.

The petitions ask Congress to repeal the antitrust exemption granted to professional baseball.

The players' union ordered the strike to pressure management to give up plans to impose a salary cap, which owners contend is needed for the sports financial viability. The players maintain they are caught in the middle of a dispute over revenue sharing between owners of clubs in large and small markets.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Henefeld out for month with broken hand

Maccabi Tel Aviv suffered a blow on Wednesday when Nadav Henefeld broke his hand in an exhibition game against France's Antibes. Henefeld will miss the season's opener on September 1 and is expected to be out for about a month. Maccabi won the game, 87-85.

Timberwolves fire Lowe as head coach

The Minnesota Timberwolves fired head coach Sidney Lowe, who directed them to a 20-62 record and a fifth-place finish in the Midwest Division last season. Only the Dallas Mavericks (13-69) had fewer wins than the Timberwolves. No successor has been named.

Two die in Seattle Kingdome accident

Two people were killed Wednesday night in a construction crane accident at the Kingdome, a Seattle Fire Department spokeswoman said. The Kingdome has been closed since July 19 for renovation after four ceiling tiles fell. All 40,000 tiles have been removed and King County officers are in the process of replacing them with an alternative ceiling treatment.

Disabled Debate Turns Games Unfriendly

The Commonwealth Games, known as the "Friendly Games," lost some of its warmth Wednesday when the head of the Australian team said the inclusion of disabled athletes was "an embarrassment."

Arthur Tunstall was roundly criticized by organizers, disabled athletes and even his own countrymen after his remarks were reported on the day before the Games were officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II. "It's got to be an embarrassment because people are going out of their way to assist them and the abled people are a little bit embarrassed to have them around," Tunstall told the media.

English County Championships results

Close of play scores on the first day of four-day English County Championship cricket matches yesterday:

At Scarborough: Yorkshire 304-9 in 103 overs (B.Parker 62, P.Hartley 61, D.Byas 57) v Warwickshire.

At Derby: Kent 387-8 in 105 overs (S.Marsh 88, T.Ward 86, A.Ealham 64; D.Cork 5-79) v Derbyshire.

At Kidderminster: Nottinghamshire 278-7 in 98.3 overs (T.Robinson 67) v Worcestershire.

At Weston-Super-Mare: Somerset 226 in 82.2 overs (M.Lathwell 61; M.Ilott 4-87). Essex 5-2 in six overs.

At Southampton: Surrey 150 in 65.1 overs (A.Brown 78; S.Udal 5-26). Hampshire 164-1 in 41 (P.Terry 84 not out, G.White 57 n.o.).

At Hartlepool: Glamorgan 206 in 46.5 overs (S.Brown 6-68). Durham 155-4 in 45 overs (J.Morris 57, J.Longley 52).

At Old Trafford: Lancashire 172 in 59.3 overs. Gloucestershire 139-2 in 47 overs (M.Windows 80 not out).

At Northampton: Middlesex 340-5 in 88.3 overs (J.Carr 132 not out, M.Roseberry 72) v Northamptonshire.

At Leicester: Leicestershire 192 in 66 overs. Sussex 57-1 in 17.1.

English League, Scottish League cups

Results of first round, first leg English League Cup: Brighton 2, Wycombe 1; Bristol Rovers 1, Port Vale 3; Darlington 2, Barnsley 2; Exeter 2, Swansea 2; Portsmouth 2, Cambridge United 0; Preston 1, Stockport 1 (at Bury).

Results of second round Scottish League Cup: Aberdeen 1, Stranraer 0; Arbroath 1, Rangers 6; Dundee 3, Caledonian Thistle 0; Dunfermline 4, Meadowbank 1; Hamilton 5, Clyde 0; Kilmarnock 4, East Fife 1; Queen Of South 0, Hibernian 3; Ross County 0, Raith 5; Stirling 0, St. Johnstone 2.

King barred from working with NJ casinos

Boxing promoter Don King, indicted last month on nine counts of wire fraud, was barred Wednesday from doing business with New Jersey casinos. King didn't appear before the state Casino Control Commission meeting at which regulators suspended his license to provide non-gambling services to casinos.

The federal indictment stemmed from a scheduled 1991 bout between Julio Cesar Chavez and Harold Brazier. The fight was canceled because Chavez cut his nose before the fight.



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'Fairer not to deduct losses from TASE tax'

EVELYN GORDON

ALLOWING stock market losses to be offset against earnings when calculating the new capital gains tax would create more unfairness than it would solve, Treasury officials said yesterday.

"As we all know, there is no absolute justice in any tax," said Income Tax Commissioner Doron Levy, speaking at a Tel Aviv press conference.

Levy said that since there is no universal filing requirement in Israel – and neither the government nor the public is interested in starting one – the only way to permit the offsetting of losses would be a voluntary filing system, where anyone wanting to offset his losses could choose to file a tax return.

However, said State Revenues Director Yoram Gabbai, this system would discriminate against small investors.

Currently, he explained, the 10% tax on profits, with no offsetting, works out to an average effective tax rate of some 15%-18%. To achieve the same revenues with offsetting, the tax would have to be much higher.

For someone who files tax returns anyway, such as a self-employed person, or for someone who invests a large sum in the stock market, it would be worthwhile to file a return and offset losses. But the small, salaried investor would not want to bother – so he would wind up paying a much higher rate, thereby subsidizing the large investors.

"In my opinion, this would drive salaried workers out of the stock market," he said.

Meir Shavit, head of the Treasury's capital markets division, added that even a voluntary reporting system would greatly increase the amount of filing, at a time when most countries are trying to move away from this system.

"The tax authorities don't want to deal with another 30,000 files a year," he said.

While solutions might exist to all these problems, Levy said, they certainly could not have been found in the short time and with the small number of staffers devoted to the problem for reasons of secrecy. For the same reason, there are still a number of details that need to be worked out before legislation is submitted, he added.

Levy said the Treasury had also considered the imposition of a turnover tax – a tax on every stock transaction – which is the simplest of all to collect, but rejected the idea because it would discourage investing. Capital gains taxes, however, exist in most countries, and have not been found to discourage market activity, Gabbai noted.

There is no economic reason for the announcement of the new tax to shake up the market, Gabbai added. On the contrary, he said, it might add stability to the market, because there will no longer be a plunge every few months due to the latest rumor of imminent stock market taxation.

Gabbai said the major justification for the stock market tax was to correct the historic injustice whereby workers paid tax on their income but market players did not. Shavit said it was also meant to correct the "historic distortion" whereby some types of investment – such as interest on certain savings plans – were taxed, while income from stocks and bonds was not. Bonds will also be subject to the new tax.

The main Israeli stocks traded on Wall Street fell last night following Wednesday's rebounds. Elscint dropped 10.6%, Tadiran 4.5%, Teva 2.4% and Scitex 1.3% in lively trading.

Investors continued to wait anxiously for the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange to reopen on Sunday, following Tuesday's dramatic announcement by the finance minister of a tax on stock market gains.

A source at one of the leading banks said sell orders had been lighter than expected yesterday, and he estimated total sell orders for all the banks at about NIS 100 million.

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Histadrut works committee may declare dispute over firings

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE Histadrut's works committee has called an emergency meeting for next Tuesday to plan how to resist the new leadership's plans to fire one-third of the labor federation's 3,500 workers.

The works committee intends to declare a labor dispute for the first time in Histadrut history. Two weeks after the declaration of the dispute, the workers can walk out.

At Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon's instructions, the Histadrut intends to fire 1,000 workers at Histadrut headquarters, and at labor councils and institutions within the next year and a half, in addition to the 300 to 400 temporary workers and pensioners to be fired next month, Administration and Personnel Department head Meir Gatt said this week.

The works committee was furious to hear of these plans, after only last month the Histadrut leaders had promised to consult with it on firings. The works committee advised all the workers – who are going on a collective vacation next month – to be prepared to be called in battle the leadership.

The workers' leaders are due to meet Trade Union Department head MK Amir Peretz on Sunday, to ask for his support in their fight against the mass dismissals.

The workers are demanding some 300% severance fees for veteran workers and a voluntary retirement plan, warning that if the Histadrut leadership tries to violate the work agreement with them or fire workers without adequate compensation, they will "burn tires in Histadrut headquarters, demonstrate and do all the other things which we have taught the workers of Israel to do in fighting for their rights."

Detectives release sketches of hit man sought in Tel Aviv shooting

RAINE MARCUS

DETECTIVES hunting for the murderer of underworld figure Amnon Bahashian, 50, shot dead on August 10 by a hit man, have issued four sketches of the suspect, and are asking for the public's help in identifying the killer.

Anyone who may recognize the man in the sketches or can help trace the killer should phone Superintendent Rahamim Cohen at 03-5454449/50.

The man police are looking for is tall, slim, suntanned and in his late twenties or early thirties.

The sketches are based on eyewitnesses who saw the gunman walk up to Bahashian in his Tel Aviv restaurant, pump three bullets into his head and then cooly walk away.

The murder occurred at around 11:35 p.m. at Shwarma Shaul on the corner of the city's busy Dizengoff/Ibn Gvirol intersection.

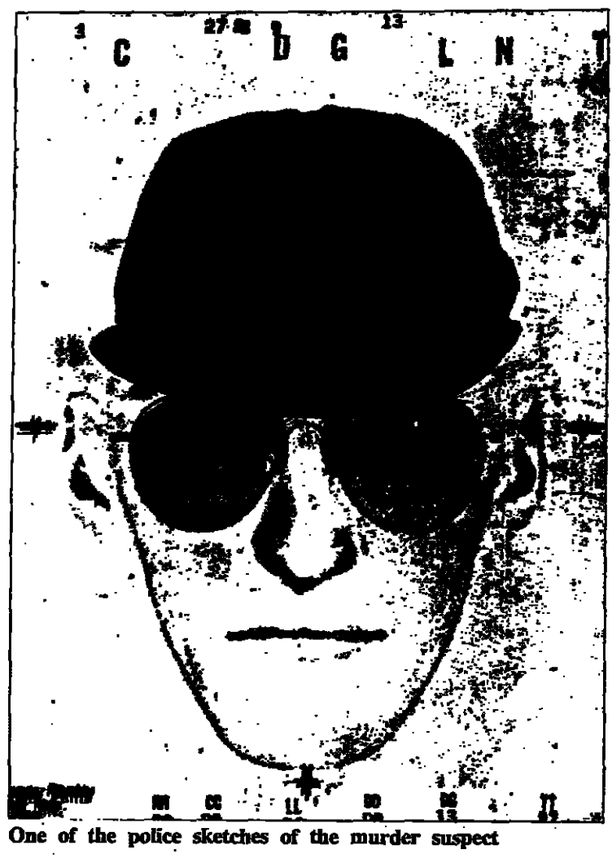
Police have set up a special squad led by Cohen to investigate the murders of underworld figures Bahashian, Yehezkiel Aslan and Meir Sultan. The modus operandi in all three cases bear startling similarities: Aslan was gunned down at around midnight as he was leaving a restaurant 18 months ago, while Sultan was shot dead in his pool hall around two months ago, both by a man wearing a baseball cap and dark glasses.

In the past the three also had business ties. In recent years they owned legitimate businesses which police believe were bought with laundered money obtained from illegal enterprises.

Bahashian, who lived for many years in the US, was wanted there on attempted murder charges. He was known to the FBI as one of the leaders of the Israeli mafia.

One source yesterday still stuck by a theory that a hired killer was commissioned from abroad to carry out the murders, and then left Israel shortly afterwards.

"We checked all airports and ports immediately after Bahashian's murder, but we didn't know who we were looking for – it could be one of thousands of travelers," said a detective.



One of the police sketches of the murder suspect

Shohat tells 'Post': IDF wages are too high

NEIL COHEN and ALON PINKAS

WAGES in the IDF are too high, Finance Minister Avraham Shohat said in an interview with the *Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Shohat rejected out of hand allegations by defense sources that the Treasury is waging a propaganda war against the defense establishment as it wrangles over the defense budget for the coming year. "It's just not true," Shohat said of the accusations, "but a large chunk of the [defense] budget goes to salaries and improved conditions. I think [wages in the army] are too high and need to be adjusted to the rest of the economy."

The army is resentful and combative concerning recurrent Treasury allegations that high salaries are the reason why the defense budget will not be increased.

"The people in the Treasury are saying that a career army officer should be ashamed to earn a decent living and serve just for ideological reasons. This is manipulative propaganda which is also an inaccurate representation of facts," a senior army officer said last night.

In the military, salaries for staff and non-combat officers in the ranks ranging from captain to colonel are either comparable to or less than an equivalent job or position in the civilian sector, the officer emphasized.

A non-field staff captain makes NIS 2,981. A company commander stationed in Lebanon makes NIS 4,800. The difference is "added field hazards." A colonel with a university degree and responsibility for 1,000 soldiers and officers makes NIS 12,916 gross.

Moreover, the army contends that an increasingly lucrative civilian market makes it difficult for the military to prevent a dangerous brain drain, especially in the professional and highly technological areas of expertise in the air force, the navy and the Intelligence Branch.

Full interview with Shohat, Page B1

Rabbinical Court employee remanded on bribery charges

RAINE MARCUS

AN EMPLOYEE of the Tel Aviv Rabbinical Court, suspected of receiving cash bribes in return for providing *gets* to people waiting for a divorce, was remanded for five days by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The activities of Yehiel Biton, 51, of Tel Aviv, were first exposed on Wednesday night by Channel Two's "Kolbodek" program. After watching filmed evidence implicating the man whose duty it was to list *gets*, national fraud squad detectives arrested him.

Biton was filmed receiving NIS 500 from Rami Cohen to speed up his papers.

Cohen had said that since he was about to travel abroad, he needed his *get* quickly. In fact, said police, Cohen received his *get* the same day he started divorce proceedings, which usually take months.

Police told the court that Biton was not officially authorized by the rabbinical court to authorize *gets*, but was merely employed to list them.

Police found a list of other names, believed to be others who gave Biton bribes.

His defense lawyer said that his client believed he was carrying out a *mitzva* and accepted money as a tip for his services.

But police said that although the investigation against Biton was complete, they needed more time to question additional rabbinical court personnel, and to prevent the suspect from contacting them or disrupting their inquiries.

Wiretapping suspect's lawyer questioned

RAINE MARCUS

MOTTI KATZ, defense lawyer of accused wiretapper Rafi Friedan, was questioned under caution for the second time yesterday by national crimes squad detectives.

Yediot Aharonot security officer Haim Rosenberg was also questioned under caution, apparently about cash transactions between private investigator David Spector and *Yediot*. It was also the second time Rosenberg was summoned for questioning.

Spector, who complained to police that *Ma'ariv* publisher Ofer Nimrodi had offered him money, using lawyer Katz as an intermediary, to frame *Yediot* by uncovering or fabricating information that the *Yediot* was involved in illegal wiretapping, was called to give evidence yesterday.

Nimrodi, who was questioned by detectives two weeks ago in connection with illegal wiretapping and his possible connection with private investigators Friedan and his partner Ya'acov Tsur, said at the time that *Yediot* had paid Spector NIS 1.25 million to spy on *Ma'ariv*.

The Tel Aviv weekly, *Ha'ir*, owned by Amos Shocken, published a front page story today claiming that Katz was paid by Nimrodi to represent in court Friedan and Tsur, accused of tapping hundreds of phones and mobile phones belonging to politicians, businessmen and senior media employees and managers.

Friedan and Tsur have refused to tell police who commissioned the wide-scale wiretapping.

Supreme Court accepts appeal against releasing alleged wiretappers on bail

THE Supreme Court yesterday accepted the state's appeal against the release on bail of suspected wiretappers Honi Mazaki and Ya'acov Eshel and ordered them held until the completion of legal proceedings against them.

Justices Shlomo Levin, Ya'acov Kedmi and Dalia Dorner will give the reasons for their decision at a later date.

Both the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court and the Tel Aviv District Court had previously ruled that Mazaki and Eshel did not constitute enough of a danger to the public to justify their remand until the end of proceedings.

In yesterday's hearing, Nava Ben-Dor, representing the state, said the wiretapping incidents should be regarded as the equivalent of a break-in.

She said the two continued to ply their trade even after being warned against further wiretapping by a court, and after they expressed remorse for earlier offenses and promised the court they would not commit them again.

Ben-Dor said wiretapping had become "a national plague," with 56 indictments for the crime presented in the first half of this year.

The lawyers for Eshel and Mazaki argued that the crimes could not be compared to break-ins, and said they posed no threat to the public.

However, Levin asked them how the court could believe the promises the two had made to stop the wiretapping if they had broken such promises in the past.

Eshel and Mazaki had committed additional wiretapping offenses even as they were being tried for an earlier offense, the bugging of *Yediot Aharonot* journalist Mordechai Gilat in an attempt to discover his sources for a series of articles on former interior minister Aryeh Deri. Both were convicted in that case and are under suspended sentences.

They are currently being charged with several counts of wiretapping and conspiracy, relating to investigations ordered by jealous spouses, businessmen, and others.

District Court Judge Natan Amit had released the two suspects on condition that they give up their profession entirely, and that the lawyers present proof of this, including proof that their offices have been shut down, to the court within 30 days. (Itim)

Amitai files petition in Deri case

CITIZENS for Good Government (Amitai) yesterday asked the High Court of Justice to order Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair to explain why he has not filed an indictment against MK Aryeh Deri for allegedly illegally distributing public funds when he was interior minister.

The group claimed in its petition that Ben-Yair had failed to order a hearing over suspicion that Deri had transferred government funds to organizations associated with Shas via the local authorities. The local authorities, the petition said, acted as a channel for the funds. (Itim)

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A package of social justice and fiscal prudence

The growing need to restructure taxation prompted Finance Minister Avraham Shohat to formulate reforms announced earlier this week, Neil Cohen reports

THE government's dramatic liberalization plan announced on Tuesday had been in the works for months, and was only awaiting the appropriate time for presentation, according to Finance Minister Avraham Shohat.

"There's no time that would have been good for the stock exchange, but it's the middle of the term, we've just presented the budget, we'd finalized the liberalization package with the Bank of Israel, [and] so we decided to present the whole package in one go," Shohat said.

"Ten days ago I went to the prime minister and then we went into high gear," he said. "We kept the decision under wraps so well that when we announced it everyone at the press conference was really shocked – I saw it on their faces – and I'm glad it turned out that way."

The major impetus for reversing previous decisions not to tax stock market gains was the growing need to reduce purchase taxes and the cost of labor, Shohat said.

"There was no logic that other things be taxed and not the stock exchange; and the reductions had to be financed somehow and this was a convenient way to do so," he said.

While obviously concerned about the rise in inflation, Shohat said that neither the package in general nor taxing stock market gains in particular was connected to Monday's disappointingly high consumer price index, the fourth in a row.

"Even if the CPI had been low, we still would have gone ahead with the plan," he said. "The package isn't meant to cut inflation. I don't think these decisions will have an immediate impact on inflation, but they will help, since some of the elements will reduce prices and thus moderate inflation."

Shohat said he is working on a plan aimed at reducing inflation. He sees the culprit in the struggle not only as escalating housing prices, but also in the public sector wage agreements signed in the last few months.

"Public sector wages in certain sectors are above what we'd like," he said. "But you have to remember that the agreements were signed for four years, and the major impact is in the first two."

There is not much Shohat can do about agreements already signed, but he does have plans to try to mitigate their effects.

"On Sunday I intend to present a plan to the cabinet to cut several hundred million shekels from the public sector wage bill," he said. "There won't be any firings, we just won't replace people who retire or leave. Most of this attrition will be on the administrative side."

Shohat is still hopeful that he can hold the line on the defense budget, although he does not appear to be getting unreserved support from the prime minister, who is, of course, also the defense minister.

"The chief of staff demanded that the defense budget grow to match the growth in GDP," Shohat said. "I presented my position in the cabinet that it remain the same in real terms. The prime minister took note with the seriousness the issue deserves."

Shohat denies recent defense establishment allegations that the Treasury is waging a war of words against them.

But Shohat does not hide his criticisms of them. "A large chunk of the budget goes to salaries and improved conditions," he said. "Wages in the army are relatively high compared to the rest of the public sector. In fact, I think they're too high, and they need to be adjusted to the rest of the economy."

Shohat is conscious of some of the problems of the structure of the stock market tax proposal, particularly investors' inability to offset losses against gains.

"But we decided, for technical reasons, that this was the easiest way to go," he said. "A transaction tax would also have been unfair, and offset would have made collection of the tax very complicated, requiring everyone who invests in the stock market to file a tax return. We'll just have to see how it goes."

Shohat played down the banks' complaints about being burdened with administering collection of the tax.

"I would have been surprised if they hadn't complained," but they won't be expected to pick up the tab, he said. "There will be negotiations between the Income Tax Authority and the banks, and they will be remunerated accordingly."

But when asked about the problem of December 31, 1994 being the base date for calculating profits, Shohat seemed less aware of the issue.

Someone who bought at a high price which has fallen sharply by the base date and which rises somewhat subsequently will be taxed on a losing position.

He said he would would look into correcting any possible inequality that might result from this.

In other issues, Shohat said he is concerned about the various crises facing the economy – Kupat Holim, the defense industries and the kibbutzim.

But he effectively ruled out drastic action. "You are faced with the decision of whether to allow the whole thing to unravel or to try to create some kind of financial arrangement which will preserve something."

Despite the crises and challenges the economy faces, Shohat is optimistic.

"The economy is growing," he said, noting that is what is needed most in the upcoming year.

"Exports are up, investment is up. Unemployment is down. We're spending more money on education, infrastructure."



The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange before (top), and after (middle) Tuesday's announcement of economic reforms by Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel (left) and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat. (Israel Sun)

Frenkel: Gains tax is part of greater 'structural policy'

The Bank of Israel governor finds grounds to commend – and condemn – this week's economic moves, Neil Cohen reports

JACOB Frenkel is adamant that Tuesday's shock decision to tax capital gains on the Stock Exchange had nothing to do with the worsening inflation crisis. "Any time is as good as another," he says.

The Bank of Israel governor denies that the timing of the announcement was in any way related to the previous day's disappointing consumer price index.

"Concrete preparations by the professionals in the Treasury were carried out in a systematic way over quite a period of time," he says.

Frenkel is equally adamant that when the prime minister spoke out so vehemently against taxing the stock exchange a month and a half ago, Rabin had no idea that Tuesday's developments were in the wind.

"The professional staff [of the Treasury] examined various possibilities for quite a while," but the decision was made by the political echelon only in the last few days.

Frenkel ascribes the timing of the announcement to a "growing recognition that there is a need to lower taxes currently levied on activities hampered by the tax burden – especially on the business sector. Everyone understands that economic growth and investment cannot get the appropriate boost from a rising tax burden of the type we have had.

"We have for some time called for a reduction in the tax burden together with a continuous reduction in the budget deficit. The government has adopted the budget deficit [proposal], but the reduction in taxes embodied in the budget was too small for my taste, and therefore it was essential to seek a mechanism to broaden the tax base."

Frenkel is anxious that the plan to tax stock-market gains be seen as only one part of a package that he terms "structural policies," which, he says, "by their nature bear fruit – as far as the economy is concerned – only in the longer term by reducing distortions. They increase the flexibility of the economic system, especially in a period when it undergoes so many other changes that may require the reallocation of resources.

"Some of the measures may mitigate some costs, but I would put them in the [same] category as measures to increase trade liberalization. We still have to implement macroeconomic policies to stabilize inflation. The package is no substitute for solutions to, and does not aim to deal with, macroeconomic problems [like inflation]."

While Frenkel is careful to defend the government's timing and credibility regarding the plan, he does not mince words on the government's efforts to fight inflation.

He calls the public-sector wage agreements "disastrous."

"We have inflation and it's not just housing prices. The wage agreements that have been negotiated in the public sector have definitely been excessive. They reflect a much higher real wage for the coming three years than [has been the case] for many years in the past: [the wage agreements] have burdened the economy for three years to come...

"...Furthermore, the government should do all it can to reduce the number of employees in the public sector. [This] will increase the supply of labor to the private sector [putting downward pressure on wages and] keeping costs down."

Frenkel indirectly attacks another of the government's weak spots. "We still have a lot of monopolies. No compromise should even be considered on trade liberalization. Any compromise will seriously erode credibility; the government should use the momentum the people see to increase competition in the marketplace."

Frenkel points to the impact that even the threat of competition to the cellular phone monopoly has had on prices.

If there is a hint of impatience with the slowness of economic reform and progress, Frenkel conceals it well. "Economic principles that are now consensus among senior politicians – like cutting taxes while at the same time reducing the budget deficit – were not restrictions that politicians would have imposed on themselves a few years ago. So I'm very pleased that they are now taken for granted...."

The governor is also patient about the foreign currency reforms, which took a cautious step took forward on Tuesday. He refuses to speculate when the country will move to a freely convertible currency; he won't even commit himself to a target before the end of the decade.

But he is satisfied that "the trajectory we have been following for a while [progressive small steps liberalizing foreign currency regulations] is still in place.

"The [timetable] will not depend on when how many years pass, but rather on how fast we can bring down inflation to the levels prevalent among our trading partners."

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A depressed Arafat looks to democracy to lift his spirits

Three months after the establishment of the autonomous areas, many Palestinians believe that success depends on transforming Arafat into a democrat, Jon Immanuel reports

PALESTINIAN politics three months after the establishment of self-rule in Gaza and Jericho is based on 3-D: Depression, Democracy and Donors.

Depression describes PLO Chairman Arafat's frequent expressions of pessimism. Democracy is the frequently used description of the order Palestinians say they want. Donors are the foreign governments whom Arafat considers political meddlers because they place conditions on the use of their money.

Arafat appeared depressed at a meeting with Israeli peace activists on August 2, after Israel signed the Washington Declaration with Jordan, as he had in an interview with *Vanity Fair* magazine on February 24. In both cases, some of his visitors, who had seen him in 1982 during some of his worst days under siege in Lebanon, said they had never known him in such a mood.

In many ways Arafat feels more under siege now than he was then. As Arafat pointed out on August 2, Rabin has only his own internal opposition to contend with. "I have an internal opposition, an Arab opposition and an Islamic opposition," not to mention an international community which he perceives as more pro-Israeli than pro-Palestinian.

Rather than regarding self-rule in Gaza as a foothold to Palestinian statehood, he says he fears it is a trap from which "there is no turning back," in effect justifying the opponents of the peace process.

Democracy, which Palestinians express with great fervor, is another problem for Arafat. Although various groups interpret the word differently, on one point they agree – Arafat cannot rule as an absolute dictator. Which brings us back to his depression. It is clear to him now that he enjoyed a greater feeling of power in Tunis than he does in Gaza.

Arafat's main nod towards democracy to date has been his decision to permit demonstrations by the opposition.

His depression is magnified by the donors, whose conditions suggest to him that they are trying to influence internal Palestinian political affairs.

The good news is there are signs Arafat is mellowing – not only in bending to donor demands, but in understanding how democracy may work for him.

Take the *An-Nahar* affair. Without much thought, Arafat ordered 900 copies of the newspaper confiscated on July 28 at the Erez checkpoint because it expressed one-sided approval of the Washington Declaration.

Arafat had the papers stacked up neatly in the storeroom next to his office in the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation building.

Few Palestinians are willing to support this blatant silencing of a newspaper, but none can accuse Arafat publicly.

On the other hand, they see it as a turning point in his reeducation. They say his intention was not to silence the press, but to make a political point to Jordan.

"Closing *An-Nahar* was a political message to Jordan using the wrong address," said Mahdi Abdel-Hadi, director of PASSIA, the Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs which is is one of at least five research centers trying to establish the ground rules for future Palestinian democracy. "*An-Nahar* was the first thing that came to hand," he says.

Closing a newspaper to strike at a third party does not make the move any more acceptable. Ministers in the Palestinian Authority have slowly been trying to explain to him that, though responsibility for policy is his alone, silencing a newspaper is not the way to hit at Jordan.

This is what Planning Minister Nabil Shaath apparently meant when he made the strange statement that the action against *An-Nahar* was "a political issue, not one of free-expression."

THESE ARE early days yet, and there is still no basic law which spells out clearly Arafat's powers and limitations. It is not even clear how such a law limiting his powers can be ratified except by a freely elected Palestinian Council.

Problems keep coming up.

In July, Arafat responded to popular opinion by deciding to reinstate Police Col. Moonther Ershed, whom he had fired for taking the law into his own hands and diverting a water canal in Jericho from private to public use.

In Jericho, merchants supported Ershed by closing their shops in protest against Arafat's move.

Ershed's actions were reasonable considering the scarcity of water in Jericho; but in reinstating him Arafat countermanded an order by his own justice minister, Freih Abu-Meidin, who said "soldiers should not be judges."

Abu-Meidin wanted the courts to rule on the issue.

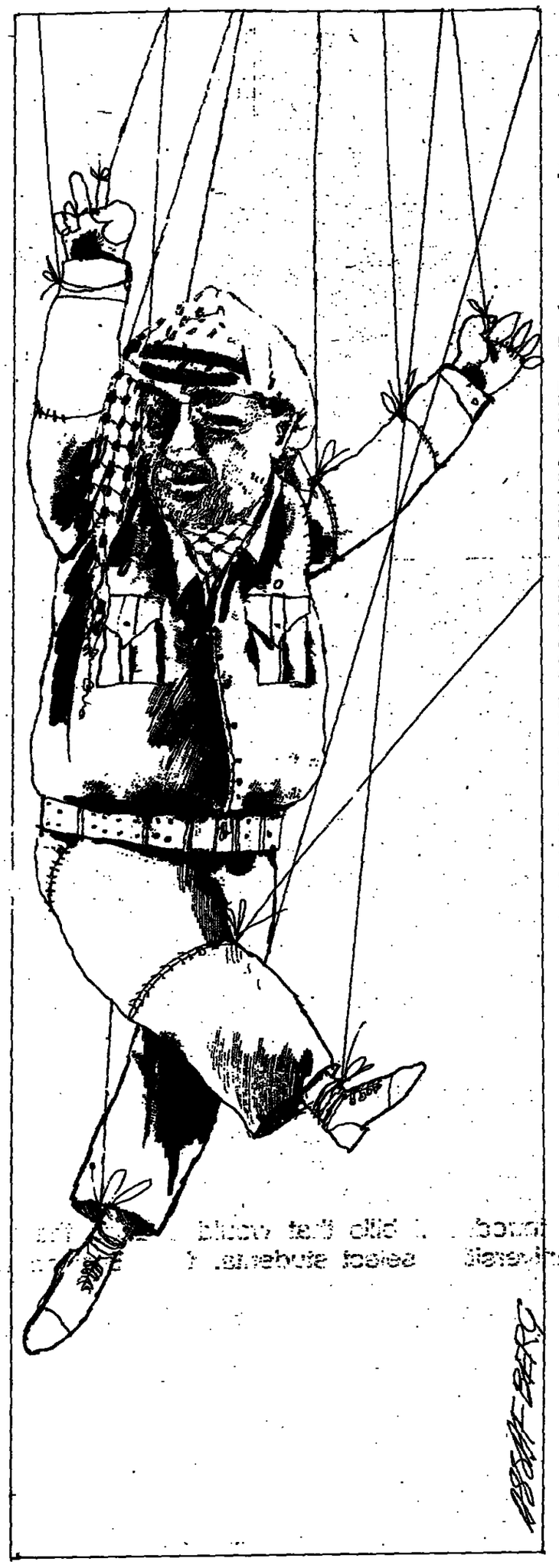
Elections are scheduled for December 15, and Arafat is committed to them, mainly to ensure a personal mandate.

From Israel's point of view, the main purpose of the elections is to establish an administrative council to exercise control over health, education, social welfare, tourism and tax collection.

But the framers of a Palestinian constitution want to persuade Arafat, whose place at the top is assured, that limits on his own authority by a legislature demonstrating real muscle in affirming Palestinian independence of Israeli laws, will give him more prestige than being the sole authority in an autonomous homeland where Israeli laws ultimately remain in force.

Palestinians have not forgotten Arafat's notice in *Al-Quds* on May 24 in which he announced the abolition of all Israeli military regulations in effect since 1967. Under the terms of the Cairo agreement, only a convened administrative council can take such a step with Israel's consent.

With all the talk about democracy following the closure of *An-Nahar*, it is not surprising that in his first interview with a local newspaper since returning to Gaza, Arafat dwelt on democracy at length.



The interview appeared in the reopened *Al-Awda* weekly, which Israel closed in 1988 and is owned by Arafat's mother-in-law Raymonda Tawil.

"We defend differing opinions, but democracy says everyone should obey the law," he said in the interview.

As yet, however, there is no law but Arafat's pronouncements.

He told this reporter two weeks ago that he closed *An-Nahar* because "it violated Palestinian law."

But at this point only Jordanian, Egyptian and Israeli laws exist.

Public sits ringside at IDF budget fight

The Treasury is decrying a bloated bureaucracy; the military is stressing deterrence. Both are making their pitches to voters, Alon Pinkas writes

THE Defense and Finance ministries have, until this week, held a low-key, uncharacteristically mellow discussion on military allocations to be included in the budget. The annual state budget is to be finalized in October.

Actually, the civilized tone noted by observers is passing, as the big issues – the peace process and long-range threats – come to the fore. The fight will be moved from the cabinet and the Knesset, and into the arena of public opinion.

This is all part of a ritual, of which verbal feuding and innuendos are but an integral part. The debate's temperature starting rising as senior army officers on Wednesday called the Treasury's tactics misleading propaganda, and economic writers echoed the vehement anti-defense broadsides of their sources.

This debate is taking place against a background of constant healthy growth. Major economic indicators point to further development, as the return on immigration begins to show in the next two years and abundant foreign and local investment follow privatization.

The IDF in the last year alone has acquired $2 billion worth of state-of-the-art F-15I jets – to be delivered by 1997 – and added to its arsenal Apache and Blackhawk attack helicopters. It just received the first of its advanced SAAR-5 missile boats, and by 1996-97 will get tailor-made Dolphin-class submarines from Germany.

The Armored Corps is being equipped with Merkava III battle tanks, and the Merkava IV, undoubtedly the best tank ever made, is well into production despite a downsized production line. The Artillery Corps just purchased and will receive the MLRS rocket system.

So why are the two sides arguing? Because the two trends are incompatible in the long run.

As the debate accelerates, the Finance Ministry will manipulate indicators and threaten that the severe economic burden of military spending will impede growth.

The Defense Ministry and the IDF will provide their customary doomsday scenarios of an ill-trained army perilously close to "red lines" in ammunition, flight hours, weapons systems acquisitions and maintenance. The Treasury will respond by saying that 38 percent of the defense budget goes to salaries for an inflated bureaucracy that does not contribute to the economy.

Defense will ask for compensation for redeployment derived from the Oslo and Cairo accords, higher cost of routine security on the Lebanese border and the fight against terrorism. The current budget will suffice, Finance will say. National security will be compromised, Defense will argue.

Both are right, which is what the budget process is all about.

The defense establishment will find it more difficult than ever to sell a budget increase to a critical public that is all too familiar with military waste and that is witnessing the peace process. Moreover, for the last three years, the annual intelligence assessment has emphasized a diminished short- and medium-range threat; the country's strategic position has never been as favorable.

The 1994 budget stands at NIS 20.24 billion. Of this, 67% is in shekels, 30% is the annual US military grant of $1.8b., of which $475 million are convertible to shekels. The rest must be spent in the US. Another 3% in foreign currency is for daily operations and expenditures.

Since 1982, the defense establishment says its buying power has dropped by 19.4%. The IDF is also quick to stress that the US aid is really less than that in real terms, as a result of inflation in the US and the decline of the shekel against the dollar.

However, the US assists with another component of the budget: free weapons systems. The total value of these presents is estimated at over $2.1b. It consists of 24 Apache attack helicopters, 10 Blackhawk attack/cargo helicopters, two F-16A/B squadrons from US drawdown of European stockpiles, and two, possibly three, Dolphin-class submarines built and financed by Germany as "compensation" for the Gulf war.

In addition, the US prepositioning in Israel of equipment, weapons systems and ammunition is of financial and military value.

Excluding the freebies and the prepositioning, the defense budget constitutes 11.2% of the Gross Domestic Product (in 1992 GDP), down from a record high of 30% in 1976, when the IDF was in the process of rebuilding following the Yom Kippur War.

Local expenditures make up 8% of the 11.2% total. For 1995, the Defense Ministry is demanding an increase of NIS 500 million and $50 million in cashflow, plus a gradual increase of NIS 250 million in 1996 and 1997. Failure to meet these ends, the army says, will cause further erosion of our military deterrent.

The army's failure to back down from it demands, says the Finance Ministry, would allow the entrenched defense establishment to avoid ever downsizing, even in an era of peace.

At this point in the debate, the Treasury injects, through the media, this populist argument: "If your budget is 38% salaries – and much of it is tied up in pensions to officers who left the IDF when they were just over 40 and are making over NIS 12,000 a month – how can you expect an increase? You need to build up forces? So impose cuts elsewhere in your budget."

To this, the army reacts vociferously and resentfully. Salaries in the military, for staff and noncombat officers in the ranks captain to colonel, are either comparable or less than equivalent jobs in civilian sectors. A staff captain makes NIS 2,981. A company commander stationed in Lebanon makes NIS 4,800. The difference is "added field hazards."

A colonel with a university degree and over 1,000 people under his command, makes NIS 12,916 gross. That, the army says, is less than the pay of a deputy hospital director.

Moreover, the lucrative private market makes it difficult for the military to prevent a braindrain, especially in professional and technological fields.

The public consensus in favor of security remains solid, but voters are more knowledgeable and critical than before. They know all too well that the defense establishment is fat, cumbersome, wasteful and reluctant to take painful efficiency measures.

The defense budget may be increased in 1995 in a predictable compromise, given that the prime minister is also the defense minister. But, this time, it will be the hardest sell ever.

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When enemies made peace – a night to remember

A hitherto secret video recording preserves the initialing of the Oslo agreement one year ago, David Makovsky reports

At 2 a.m. on August 20, 1993, shrouded in secrecy, Israeli and PLO officials initialed the Oslo accord.

The venue was the official guest house at 44 Parkveien, where Foreign Minister Shimon Peres was staying.

A video of the historic moment was made for posterity by Norwegian security officials. Its existence was kept secret until recently.

Watching the video, one senses the nervousness and even the awe of the participants at that extraordinary event, which, unbeknownst to many of their colleagues, had been authorized by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

The ceremony took place in an ornate room under a golden chandelier; there was a desk at the center of the room and participants sat on red sofas on the side.

Palestinian and Israeli delegates filed in to shake hands with Norwegian foreign minister Johan Jorgen Holst and Peres.

Peres, meeting a PLO official for the first time, appeared uncharacteristically stiff and reserved as he shook hands with PLO delegation head Ahmed Qreia (known as Abu Ala).

The desk used by Abu Ala and Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir to initial the accord, and then by PLO aide Hassan Asfour and Foreign Ministry legal adviser Joel Singer to initial the accompanying minutes, was brought especially for the occasion.

It was the same desk Norwegian leader Christen Michelson used in 1905 when he severed his country's union with Sweden, which had dominated it. Aware of Israeli sensitivities, the Norwegians obtained permission from Peres to use the desk.

Those in attendance at the 30-minute ceremony, apart from those already mentioned, were: Norwegian academic Terje Larsen and his wife, diplomat Mona Juul, who devoted their lives over eight months to maintaining the "Oslo channel"; Marianne Heiberg, Holst's wife who did research on Palestinian economic conditions in Gaza; Prof. Yair Hirschfeld and Dr. Ron Pundak, Israeli academics who began the Oslo talks; Mohammed Abu-Koush, a Palestinian delegate to Oslo; Avi Gil, Peres's top personal aide who was one of the small Israeli team in Jerusalem that was monitoring and planning strategy for Oslo; and Geir Pedersen, a friend of Larsen's. This is what some of the participants said that night:

Holst: "History is in the making. In the flow of history, sometimes we register turning points. Turning points must be created. You here tonight, it seems to me, have created a very important turning point.

"In order to create history, you have to have a sense of history. Making history means making possible that which is necessary. This is what you have done tonight. You have lived through years of confrontation, now you are entering an era of cooperation....

"The Middle East has, to so many of us, seemed like a powder keg. Now I think it will turn into a laboratory for the creation [of] a viable, peaceful order...

"I know that it is impossible to capture by means of words what all this means. I think that we all sense that not only is this important, but it is more important than most of the things that we have had the chance to experience....

"We are always there if you need our services. But the task is yours and the work has to be yours...."

Abu Ala (tears welling up in his eyes): "I cried twice this week. The first time was when we talked by phone [the previous night in Stockholm], and at 5 o' clock we finished everything. We were six persons: Abu Ammar [Arafat], Abu Mazen [Mahmoud Abbas], Yasir [Abd Rabbo], Abu Khaled, me and Hassan [Asfour].

"After we finished, really we cried. We congratulated each other. We said now we have to start the big battle for development, for construction, for cooperation. This is the new history....

"Your excellency, Mr. Peres, welcome. It is a great honor. I have keenly followed your declarations, statements and writings that [have] confirmed to all the Palestinian people your care to achieve just, permanent and comprehensive peace. In the name of the Palestinian people and its leader Yasser Arafat, I would like to welcome you and congratulate you on your 70th birthday....

"Today, we have started a new journey towards a new future, in a world whose final form has not yet been shaped and which is open to all sorts of change. The future that we look at won't materialize unless we both together overcome the fears of the past and learn from the past the lessons for our future.

"Cooperation and enmity don't coexist. Cooperation must be based on equity, not domination. It is one of the keys of trust...

"We have been parties to conflict. Now we are parties to peace.... We can say now that the battle of peace has started today. ... It must be won by both of us."

Savir: "To the Palestinian delegation, let me say, if I may, we discovered you in Oslo, far away from the region whose future we are negotiating. We were introduced as enemies. We came with goodwill... yet with a few prejudices. We found men of truth, courage and depth. Abu Ala, Hassan Asfour, Mohammed Koush, you are the neighbors we wish to live with, side by side.

"Ministers, friends, this day is marked, hopefully, by man changing history. We owe this agreement to the leadership and courage of a few who dare to challenge the illusory comfort of political routine. You have challenged those who are paralyzed by the burden of the past or by the hypnosis of the present.

"You have indicated with open eyes new, yet unknown, directions, as your sight is set on the good of men and women. Therefore, we can embark today on a new journey; hoping, working and praying to put an end to suspicion, an end to violence, an end to hate, an end to fear, an end to pain, an end to suffering.

"All this overnight, over this night, has become the common enemy of Israelis and Palestinian people alike.

"It is indeed a new dawn for two peoples plagued by historical tragedies. The Jewish people suffered two millennia of exile and persecution to find a safe haven in its historical homeland, but encountered uninvited violent rejection.

"The Palestinian people, often caught tragically in the midst of a wider conflict, never able to express the freedom they seek and deserve. The meeting of two tragic histories created the bitter conflict on a small land, drenched by historical memory....

"We Israelis have no desire to dominate the lives and fate of the Palestinians. With this agreement, we are not just fulfilling a political interest, but also a moral predicament for our people.

"We would like our meeting ground to become a moral high ground for peace, democracy and economic prosperity."

David Makovsky, diplomatic correspondent of The Jerusalem Post, *has just completed a study on Israeli decision-making in Oslo for the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, which will be published as a book by Westview Press.*

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Priorities for the new academic year

Education Minister **Amnon Rubinstein** tells **Batsheva Tsur** that higher teachers' pay should lead to better education

THE good news for parents in the coming academic year is that all elementary classes will be in session until at least 1 p.m. every day except Friday. Those schools in front-line settlements and disadvantaged neighborhoods will be open until 2 p.m.

The bad news is that parents will continue paying for all the extras, including school books, trips and guards.

"I would love to see real free education," says Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein. "I wish we could pay for everything, including hot meals for the pupils. We enlarged the education budget very substantially, in real terms, by 25 percent over three years. But we decided to use it for national priorities."

There are four priorities. First and foremost, the money has gone to substantially improve teachers' pay, Rubinstein says. Better pay attracts better teachers and they are getting a 25% increase over three years.

Then comes an increase in elementary-school hours, "which were savagely cut by previous governments." These will be extended by an average of one hour per day from the start of classes. By next year, all elementary pupils will study at least 35 hours per week, Rubinstein says.

Legislation is to be presented which would allow each locality to decide whether to go over to a five-day week; the number of classroom hours per week would remain the same regardless.

"We also have a vast and ambitious plan to make Israeli schools the best equipped for computer studies in the world, coupled with a new emphasis on mathematics, science and technology," he says. The plan is based on the recommendations of the advisory committee headed by Weizmann Institute president Prof. Haim Harari. The plan will be implemented by 1998, the minister says, "and will upgrade scholastic achievements substantially."

Insiders say Rubinstein, a former Tel Aviv University Law School dean, is mainly interested in higher education, leaving most of the decisions about primary and secondary schools to his director-general, Shimshon Shoshani.

Rubinstein readily admits his pet priority. "Last but not least," he says of the priorities, "and from my point of view perhaps first, we'll have democratized higher education by the end of the century so that about 50% of high-school graduates every year will be able to try their luck at higher education."

To the existing 100,000 students in institutes of higher learning, Rubinstein wishes to add 30,000. This will be done by two "revolutionary" plans: increasing the number of high-school students who get a matriculation (*bagrut*) certificate by 10% and establishing a network of colleges and polytechnical institutes, many of which will be permitted to charge a nonregulated fee "on condition that they provide scholarships for needy students."

Rubinstein, the interviewee – punctual, erudite, lucid, articulate in both English and Hebrew – seems something of a role model for the type of Israeli he would like to see emerge from the educational system.

His credo is to develop by the end of the century the wealth of human resources at our disposal and to close or shrink ethnic and socio-economic gaps. "Right now, there is a gaping disproportion between the number of BA graduates from privileged backgrounds – Jews of Ashkenazi origin – and those from Oriental Jewish or non-Jewish backgrounds.

To this end, he envisages a plan called "a passage to *bagrut*" to give weak students a second chance at matriculation or an additional half-year of special studies before induction in the IDF. Some 2,200 pupils, Jews and Arabs, would benefit from this program this year. More than 7,000 "borderline" pupils would be assigned extra teaching hours and special courses.

Schools which retain failing students, who would otherwise have dropped out, will be given financial inducement and, in a radical concept, this increment will be divided among the teaching staff. Rubinstein has also addressed a personal letter to all high-school graduates since 1991 who failed one *bagrut* exam, mainly mathematics, offering them free courses to make up the exams. "I pin great hopes on radically new methods of retraining the weak," he says.



Elementary school pupils will be studying an average of one more hour per day compared with last year. (Hanoch Grizitzky/Israel Sun)

THE OTHERWISE low-key minister raises his voice when questioned about the implementation of the Shenhar report on Jewish studies in state schools, a report which recommends a pluralistic approach.

Rubinstein, who observes certain religious traditions, says: "I distinguish totally between my personal observance and religious coercion. The chief reason why we have difficulty teaching Jewish studies in nonreligious schools is because the pupils equate Judaism with religion, which is automatically equated with religious politics, and that is anathema to anyone eager to preserve Jewish heritage.... Pupils who have opted for state schools reject Orthodoxy. Judaism is too important to be left only to the Orthodox establishment.

"I haven't heard any opposition from Shas," he says in reply to a question, "but have read about it in the media. Of course, the opposition will object. That's the raison d'etre of an opposition. I did it too. May they continue to do so for many years."

On the thorny topic of elitism versus universality, Rubinstein admits to transmitting a double message.

"After years of stagnation, decline and cutbacks," he says, "we're now on the march. Israel should aspire to be No. 1 in every field. On the other hand, the school system must be the great leveler, the eraser of ethnic and class differences. This is difficult, and we need great tolerance and humanity."

One factor contributing to the march forward may have been the recent aliya wave. Despite the obstacles faced by the Russian-speaking olim who underwent a cultural, personal and social transition, Rubinstein gives them top marks. "I want to thank both the teachers and the pupils who have made a tremendous contribution especially in the fields of music, mathematics and physical education, and improved our system by leaps and bounds."

The Ethiopian olim, on the other hand, are facing great difficulties, he says, not only because of the vast gap between their previous society and Israel's but because they are concentrated in a few neighborhoods and insist on going to religious schools in certain communities.

"We have set up a special think-tank with leaders of the Ethiopian community to ameliorate the situation," he says. "We draw solace from the success of the previous wave of Ethiopian immigration."

No interview with Rubinstein is complete without mentioning what he calls "the *bagrut* cult." He is determined to cut the number of exams which he views as a preparation for the psychometric entrance exams to the universities.

"In England, pupils take two or three A-levels [matriculation exams]. Even in Japan, they do only three matriculation exams, while here they sometimes take more than 10. This paralyzes the last year of high school and introduces almost unendurable tensions." He has set up another committee, to look into the *bagrut*.

Rubinstein would like the pupils to have pleasant memories of their school days. Instead, he says, "They often leave school frustrated and angry. This is our farewell present to them. It is preposterous."

The cost of 'free' education

FREE education is not wha the name implies. Ask th Shechner family, of Jerusa lem's middle-class Gilo quarter.

"Our youngest daughter Einav, is starting eighth grade," says Miriam Shechner, an elemen tary school teacher. Her husband Zvi, is a civil servant. "I reckor we'll spend about NIS 300 pe month for her schooling."

The Shechners paid abou NIS 400 this week on textbooks, notebooks and writing equipment. Einav's older sister, Reuma, managed to sell some of her usec schoolbooks for NIS 60. The NIS 400 services levy covers cultural activities, secretarial services and a school trip; health insurance costs NIS 170.

The Shechners also paid NIS 150 for a school sports shirt, track suit and other sports equipment. Einav, a promising swimmer, is in a NIS 133 training course and replaces her swimsuit every six weeks (NIS 120).

Compared to Reuma's costs, Einav's are low. Last year, Reuma, who has just graduated, was in an extracurricular, NIS 1,500 photography course run by the school. Her parents paid NIS 55 per hour for private math lessons, review books for her matriculation exams, NIS 520 for the exams themselves and NIS 200 for her end-of-school party. "And this doesn't include the new clothes for the party," says Miriam, who adds that the two girls cost them more than NIS 6,000 for school in the previous year.

"But we are lucky," she says, "because we have two regular salaries and can go that extra mile."

"Don't even ask me," says Shelley Schwartz of Herzliya, mother of four, three of them school-age. "With our 15-, nine-, and six-year-olds together, it simply adds up to thousands. The parents' committees have told us to refuse to pay.... The sums are astronomical." *B.T.*

MKs: Open the gates of higher education to all interested

Esther Salmovitz and Silvan Shalom have introduced bills that would change the way universities select students, **Carl Schrag** writes

ALON Katz, 22, of Jerusalem, is one of 15,000 teenagers and young adults now receiving scores on a test that could determine their future.

Just a month ago they took the 3½-hour Inter-University Psychometric Entrance Test (PET). Many had come back for a second – or third or fourth – try at the multiple-choice exam, hoping to raise their scores enough to gain admission to the department of their choice at one of the country's universities.

Katz felt prepared for the exam, but found it wasn't exactly as he expected. "The exam had more questions – but in the same amount of time – as the practice tests in the booklet written by the creators of the PET," he said.

Each university determines which applicants to accept on the basis of PET results and *bagrut* (high school matriculation) scores. The PET is designed to provide an indicator of potential success in higher education (much like similar university entrance exams in other countries); the *bagrut* scores are used to measure past achievement.

Individual universities or faculties may weigh the two as they see fit. The Hebrew University recently announced plans to accept students to certain departments in which demand is relatively low on the basis of outstanding *bagrut* scores alone.

Nonetheless, the standard requirement for admission to university remains *bagrut* and PET scores.

Critics of the PET say it prevents many worthy candidates from getting into university and into the many colleges that demand the test. MKs Esther Salmovitz (Yi'ud) and Silvan Shalom (Likud) have been two of the most vocal critics of late. Each has introduced a private member's bill aimed at changing the way students gain admission to university; both would do away with the PET.

Salmovitz calls for opening the universities to anyone with a valid *bagrut* certificate. Shalom calls for open admissions to first-year studies to anyone who has passed certain *bagrut* exams. Under his plan, however, only the best performers in the first year would be allowed to continue their studies. The universities would set their own criteria for eligibility for second-year studies.

Proponents of both bills say their only goal is to make sure anyone who can succeed at higher education is given the opportunity to do so. Critics call the proposals populist, and say they would cause an explosion of university enrollments which cannot be accommodated by the existing facilities, teaching staffs and budgets.

Salmovitz dismisses her critics, and says that her sole motivation is pure and simple Zionism.

"Many excellent students do not get accepted to Israeli universities," she says, adding that those who are determined to study the subject of their choice and have the financial means, look abroad.

She says 8,000 Israelis are studying abroad today and that many of them will not come home.

BOTH BILLS have passed preliminary readings and have been approved by the Knesset education committee, but that does not excite Dr. Michal Beller, who is director of the National Institute for Testing and Evaluation, which designs and administers the PET.

"If the PET is canceled tomorrow," she asks, "will the number of slots in the Hebrew University Law School increase? No. So you could have a lottery to determine who will be admitted.

"There is a limited number of slots, and demand exceeds it," Beller continues. "My job only has to do with making decisions when demand exceeds supply." She adds that studies show the PET is an accurate predictor of future success in higher education, on a par with the US Scholastic Aptitude Test, for instance.

She dismisses Salmovitz's proposal as unworkable and lacking answers to the problems it would create. If everyone with a *bagrut* certificate could gain admission to university, she asks, does that mean they all could be admitted to psychology and law studies, if they so desired?

Beller says that Shalom's proposal would create tremendous tension among first-year students nationwide, and points to past experiments in open admission to first-year programs as evidence.

Tel Aviv University had a pre-law program in the 1980s for students who had not been admitted to the law school. The top performers were admitted to law studies the following year. The Hebrew University has maintained a relatively open admissions policy to the Economics Department until now, but only allowed those who performed well in two key classes to continue into the second year.

Both programs have been closed.

Beller heads a team of researchers that has been tracking the correlation between performance of every first-year university student over the past decade and their *bagrut* and PET scores. She recently released findings based on evaluation of the year-end grades of 93,000 first-year students. The results: The combination of *bagrut* and PET provide the best indicator of university performance.

Objectively, she says, she would expect the *bagrut* scores to be the best indicator, because they are, after all, based on four years of high school studies. Unfortunately, she says, the tests are administered and graded in such a way that they do not provide a cut-and-dried evaluative tool. The PET, is much more standardized and thus provides a better indicator.

But some people who respect the predictive quality of the PET are nevertheless looking for ways to lessen its supreme importance in university admissions.

Prof. Mordechai Zippin, who chairs the Hebrew University's central admissions committee, says the recent decision to allow applicants with outstanding *bagrut* scores to gain admission to certain departments without even taking the PET is part of the university's effort to create an atmosphere in which different schools offer different things to students.

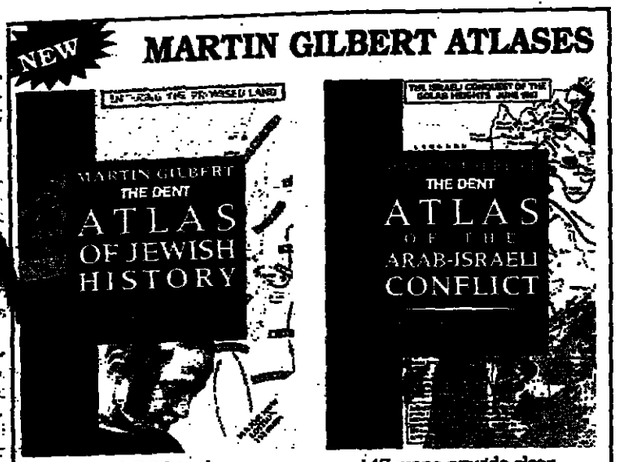
"We believe that each university should have its own criteria," he says. "That was part of the reason we adopted the PET 25 years ago, but then all of the other universities followed us. That's a shame, because each university really ought to have its own guidelines, so that everybody could find his own place."

Knesset education committee chairman Avraham Burg takes a different tack, proposing legislation that would expand the number of degree-granting colleges, enlarging the higher education system and enabling it to accept more students.

"Today, there are not enough slots in the universities," he says. "Even if we accepted everyone, there wouldn't be enough faculty to teach them. I hope that within five or 10 years the colleges will have developed niches, and they will go a long way toward meeting demand."

Until that happens, however, thousands of young people will continue to clutch their No. 2 pencils and fret over the multiple-choice questions that play such a critical role in their lives. And by the time they go to sleep on Sunday, they will all breathe a sigh of relief. For better or for worse, they will settle down to wait up to two months for their scores.

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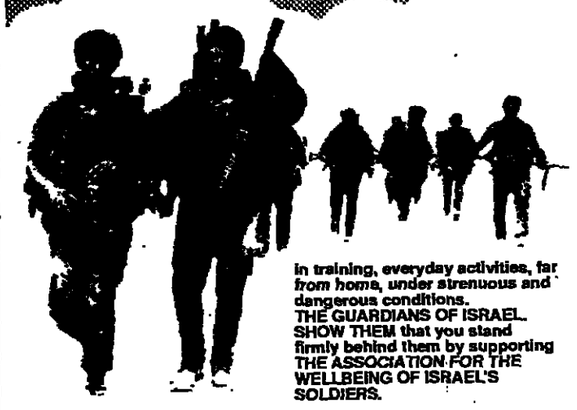
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Registration has opened at the study centers.

Note: Tuition will be paid relative to the number of learning days in September.

Airport crawls to the year 2000

At Ben-Gurion Airport, small changes are enabling more and more people to get on their way in comfort, **Haim Shapiro** reports

THE woman in the duty-free shop exuded an air of affluence, but when the clerk said her purchases amounted to over NIS 4,000, her lower lip seemed to tremble.

Her husband was bristling with indignation that a carrying case for his new video camera would cost an extra $60 to $80.

They were just two of thousands of travelers thronging the duty-free shops at Ben-Gurion Airport this week.

Many of the duty-free purchases by Israelis never leave the country. The goods remain in the duty-free storerooms, waiting for the buyers to pick them up when they return from abroad.

More passengers are passing through Ben-Gurion Airport these days than ever before. The increased traffic is mainly due to the fact that more Israelis are going abroad, largely thanks to cheap vacation packages.

Every few weeks, the Israel Airports Authority, a self-supporting body that runs Ben-Gurion Airport, announces a new record-breaking day, with more passengers passing through its gates than ever before in a 24-hour period. The latest such record day was established on July 31, when 35,488 passengers were processed, of whom 18,467 were outgoing.

From the beginning of the year until July 31, a total of 3,205,615 passengers used the airport, an increase of almost 20 percent over the previous year.

The increase in traffic is that much more of a strain in view of the fact that the terminal is still housed in the shell of the same structures built by the British in the 1930s. The terminal has expanded slowly on a piecemeal basis, with a major effort this year to provide at least temporary solutions to the problems of increased passenger traffic.

For example, the Airports Authority recently completed paving a new parking area to accommodate 34 Boeing 747 jumbo jets, at a cost of NIS 2.5 million. The authority also spent NIS 60 million to pave three kilometers of taxiways, which will make landings and takeoffs safer and more efficient.

Frequent flyers will notice that the outgoing passenger terminal has been expanded. The inland terminal has been adapted to accommodate international passengers; a new TWA terminal has been built at one end of the terminal; and an office and storage area has been cleared for more check-in counters at the other end.

A new telephone information service is available, in Hebrew and English, so that callers with touch-tone phones can get immediate information about flights.

At long last, an incoming passenger reception area is being completed, so that people waiting for relatives and friends will no longer have to crowd against outdoor barriers in scorching heat or chilling wind and rain. According to the authority, the new facility, which cost NIS 22 million and will accommodate up to 2,000 people, is to be ready next month.

Many of the improvements are relatively small, but will make the airport more tolerable. For example, 600 chairs have been added in the outgoing passenger hall, at a cost of NIS 240,000. An additional $400,000 magnetic security gate has been installed. A new coffee shop and restaurant have been built at the entrance to the terminal.

The Authority has also purchased an additional 1,000 baggage carts, for $270,000, bringing the total number of such carts to 2,500. This should be appreciated particularly by those familiar with some other international airports where carts are either virtually impossible to find, or available only for a fee.

For those carrying Israeli passports, at least, the security checks have become far more efficient. Those who fly often have learned that if they hold their Israeli passport prominently, they are quickly directed to a separate line, where the security check goes faster. Some of the irritation of standing in line has been eased by the fact that security officers now meet the passengers at the line itself.

However, there are still disturbing reports of some foreign tourists who feel that they have been harassed by security officers. When Israel's ambassadors to Western European countries raised the issue in a meeting with Tourism Minister Uzi Baram recently, the authority was quick to label them as false, but their response brought, in its wake, still more such reports from those dealing with visitors from abroad.

Avraham de Vries, an Israeli importer who frequently encounters foreign visitors who come to do business here, says he often accompanies his visitors to the airport, to try to make the security check less of an ordeal for them.

"I could write a book about the shocking cases I have seen of guests being questioned by young people without reasonable English, without a knowledge of life, and without any signs of understanding or good will," he says.



Ben-Gurion Airport, whose passenger terminal is housed in the shell of structures built in the 1930s, processed 3,205,615 passengers in the first seven months of this year. (IPPA)

Make way for the new terminal

THE Airports Authority is busy finding temporary solutions to the problems caused by a steady increase in the number of passengers using Ben-Gurion Airport, but at the same time it is preparing to build a new air terminal to be ready by the year 2000.

The initial cost of the new terminal has been estimated at $500 million. Another $330m. would be needed to bring it to its full envisioned capacity, by the year 2013. By that time, the Airports Authority predicts, up to 16 million passengers will be using the airport annually.

The costs of building the terminal are to come from the airport fees paid by passengers, cargo shippers and airlines, as well as from rent paid by concessionaires at the airport. Initially, the funds are to be raised through international loans.

The terminal, which is to use the existing network of runways, is to be built in an undeveloped area west of the existing terminal building, on the course of Wadi Ayalon. The wadi will have to be diverted.

The airside section, where the passengers are to board and disembark, is to consist of an open atrium with five arms for aircraft parking positions, thus enabling passengers to go straight from the terminal building into the plane.

A landside building is to be connected to the atrium by a corridor. The terminal, its access roads and parking areas, are to be connected to the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway by a new interchange and also have direct railway connections to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. HIS

Turf battle in the US

The ZOA and AIPAC both claim to be fighting for Israel's interests in the US, but can't get along with each other, **Sue Fishkoff** reports from New York

THE Zionist Organization of America's newly activist stand has propelled it into a turf battle with the American Israel Public Affairs Committee over who will fight for Israel in Congress.

Last December, newly elected ZOA president Mort Klein pledged to forge a "new route" for the veteran pro-Israel organization. No one can now accuse him of going back on his word.

After years of moribund political placidity, the ZOA's new stance has alarmed much of the leadership of organized US Jewry, prompted a disciplinary meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and caused the defection of the organization's largest and most powerful local chapter.

The focus of the alarm centers on ZOA's lobbying efforts in Congress last month during crucial last-minute negotiations over the Foreign Operations Appropriations bill.

Although AIPAC and the ZOA both favored inclusion of the same provision, which would make US aid to the PLO conditional on its adherence to agreements with Israel, AIPAC charges that the ZOA set out on its own path in support of an amendment sponsored by Senators Arlen Specter and Richard Shelby, without coordinating with AIPAC, the group ostensibly charged with representing the pro-Israel lobby on the Hill.

On August 1, AIPAC sent a letter to the press criticizing Klein and ZOA Washington representative Sandra Stein, casting aspersions on their leadership, calling their methods "amateurish" and "hostile," and claiming that the group's lobbying "had an adverse effect" on the foreign aid bill and "threatened to put the entire pro-Israel agenda at risk."

AIPAC also called for the Conference of Presidents to meet and consider its charges.

Klein, in response, says that AIPAC's charges are based on envy and amount to no more than a turf battle over who has the right to speak for the American Jewish community in Congress.

"AIPAC is embarrassed because the ZOA has repeatedly led pro-Israel action campaigns that have won widespread grass-roots support in the Jewish community," Klein says. "AIPAC is insisting that it should be the only pro-Israel organization that speaks on Capitol Hill on Israel-related issues. This demand is an attempt to restrict free speech."

Klein notes that the amendment's sponsors – Specter, Shelby and House supporter Representative Nita Lowey – praised his efforts in letters and statements quoted in *The Jerusalem Post*.

On July 1, the ZOA was either suspended or resigned from the American Zionist Movement, an umbrella group representing pro-Israel organizations. It owed 18 months in back dues, said AZM president Seymour Reich. "We're resigning anyway," shot Klein.

Reich says Klein's actions are "harming" Israel's interests in Washington and threatening the unity of the American Jewish community.

"Mort is an aggressive bulldog... out to ravage those who disagree with his approach," Reich charges. "If I were an Israeli leader in the opposition, I'd be concerned about what this means for the future of the Jewish community."

Each Jewish group has the right to lobby in Washington, Reich says, but the ZOA – which has set up its own two PLO watchdog groups in the Senate and House – is "disregarding agreed-upon procedural proprieties."

Last week, the 2,000-member Baltimore chapter of the ZOA, the largest and most powerful local branch, effectively separated from the national organization, citing "ideological differences" with the course Klein has charted. They have assumed their old, pre-ZOA name, and are known as the Baltimore Zionist District, Inc.

Baltimore chapter president Joel Wohl stresses that the break is not irreversible, but could be restored "depending on future events."

For now, the chapter is withholding dues from the national ZOA – estimated at more than 10 percent of the ZOA's $2 million annual budget – but will continue funding ZOA projects in Israel by sending the money directly to those projects.

Sometime late next week, the Conference of Presidents will hold a closed session of past presidents and selected Jewish leaders to consider AIPAC's charges and "set guidelines for the future, so there is consultation," says conference chairman Lester Pollack.

Klein asked that the fact-finding meeting be public, and that he be allowed to cross-examine witnesses. He retained attorney Nat Lewin to represent him.

Pollack refused Klein's request, saying such a "quasi-legal proceeding" would be "confrontational," whereas the conference's goal is "cooperation and working together in unity."

Klein, fuming about dictatorial control and suppression of free speech, has announced he will not attend the meeting.

"We have attempted to coordinate our activities with AIPAC, and our efforts have been ignored," he says. "Self-respect and principles of fairness prevent me from attending such a meeting."

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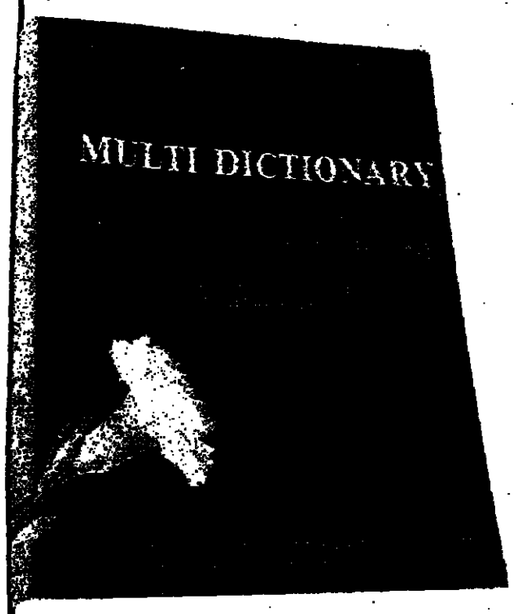
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Omissions and excuses

EYE ON THE MEDIA

DAVID BAR-ILLAN

THE bombing of the Jewish Center in Buenos Aires was one of the largest and bloodiest terrorist acts in the Americas ever, and the biggest attack on Diaspora Jews since World War II.

That the number of casualties would be staggering was obvious from the start. The large, busy office building was completely destroyed; there was little chance of anyone in there surviving unscathed. Even the first bulletins announced 30 dead.

Moreover, the bombing was obviously related to the Middle East conflict, which occupies an inordinate amount of time and space in the media, and its resemblance to the bombing of the Israeli Embassy two years previously was striking.

Above all, it was quintessential antisemitic terrorism – an indiscriminate slaughter of innocent men, women and children in a Western capital, aimed at Jews as Jews.

Yet the major news media in the West either ignored the bombing completely, or gave it barely a mention. The BBC, which purports to be a "world service," not a parochial, provincial British station, failed to mention it altogether in its most important news programs of the day, the *Six O'Clock News* and the *Nine O'Clock News*, both of which devoted considerable time to German restrictions on British beef.

The bombing was briefly mentioned in one or two later news programs, then forgotten. Only the London bombings the following week reminded the BBC of the Buenos Aires incident.

BBC-watchers could not help but notice the difference between the treatment of the bombing of Jews and the attention given the Hebron massacre – the act of a lone, crazed gunman – in which 29 Arabs were killed.

For over six weeks, with virtually no letup, the Hebron massacre was played up as one of the decade's major stories. It became a historic milestone, a point of reference. Events were described as occurring before the Hebron massacre or after it; as a result of it, or as a reaction to it.

The American ABC-TV *Evening News* anchored by Peter Jennings, the network's major news showpiece and the most watched news program in the US, was not much better.

It did not mention the Buenos Aires bombing in the headlines which opened the program that evening, and referred to it only in passing, in three sentences, in a segment which led to another bit of Middle East-related news. It never mentioned it the next night, and devoted five sentences to it on the following night.

The *McNeil-Lehrer Report*, that pride of public broadcasting in the US, with an ostentatious concern for murdered innocents everywhere, never dealt with the bombing until 10 days later, after the Israeli Embassy in London was bombed. Ted Koppel's *Nightline* on ABC, another news program with pretensions of seriousness, never touched the subject at all. The *New York Times*, the world's "paper of record," had an all-but-nonexistent report in one of the back pages the day after the bombing. It managed a short story the next day.

But perhaps even more illuminating are the excuses the various news outfits made for the omission. Eileen Fitt, senior producer of the BBC's *Nine O'Clock News*, replied to an inquiry by Dr. Schiffman of Cambridge: "We didn't include the story of Monday's bomb blast at a Jewish centre in Argentina purely because of pressure of time.

As you will appreciate, it's impossible to report everything that happens around the world in a 27-minute bulletin. We did include a short item on the first bilateral talks in public between Israel and Jordan which I hope you would agree was significant. We strongly resent any suggestions that we are antisemitic."

Schiffman responded with a letter pointing out that the bombing was not mentioned on following days either, not even in passing.

He suggested that the way the BBC covered the Hebron massacre, the screening of Charles Glass's "documentary" describing how Israel is "driving out Christians from the country," the fact that the network never bothered mentioning the Israeli Hercules planes sent to Rwanda, and such terminology as "occupied territories" applied to Israeli but not Arab conquests, made one wonder about the BBC's fairness.

By that time the BBC had received complaints from leading Jewish figures, including Board of Deputies president Eldred Tabachnik.

On August 4, Schiffman received the following from Jonathan Rooper of BBC Television News: "...Eileen's letter of 22 July properly reflected our view at that time. In the light of subsequent events, however, we have reviewed the judgements we made when reports of the bomb explosion at the Jewish Community Centre in Buenos Aires first came through; we now accept that it was a mistake that we did not carry a full report at that stage.

It was a straightforward error; we simply failed to appreciate the magnitude of the event. We very much regret this. I can only offer our sincere apologies.

"Turning to the broader comments in your letter, I take your point that the use of the correct terminology is vital in the reporting of Israeli and Arab affairs. We would not pretend that we have always got it right – mistakes are very easy to make in the rush of daily news reporting. I think you would probably also accept that there can be formidable difficulties in finding terms which recognise practical realities and reflect complex political aspects in an appropriate way."

Admission of error being so rare in the media, one should probably appreciate even this small gesture, despite the glaring evasion in the letter's second half of the issues raised by Schiffman.

Other explanations were just as disingenuous. ABC's *Nightline* wrote in response to a complaint: "As information about these bombings... continues to come to the surface I am sure more focus will be given to the issue. I want to assure you that *Nightline* has not ignored these events, nor the larger Middle East peace issue, though it may have taken a temporary back seat to the plight of Rwanda's refugees.... Be confident that *Nightline* has not dropped the ball here."

The topics covered by *Nightline* in the week following the bombing were Rwanda, the Jupiter meteor, Tour de France, O.J. Simpson, baseball, newly released JFK tapes, and Whitewater. It never touched the Buenos Aires bombings. So much for not dropping the ball.

The excuse of the *New York Times* was that "Part of the problem is that the news was incremental. The early death toll was far less than what turned out to be the final number of dead. And of course we did not know in the early days that there would be other attacks against other Jewish targets, possibly part of a pattern. Each day, we made that day's decision, but we probably should have stepped back from it all one day with a single, comprehensive article."

What seemed to bother the media most about the incident was that it brought back memories of the kind of anti-Jewish terrorism which was supposed to have vanished in the "New Middle East."

Palestinian terrorism in Gaza can be compared to the underground war in Europe against the Nazis – as the British consul in Jerusalem did during a meeting with a group of British parliamentarians two weeks ago. But the bombing of innocent Diaspora Jews is a little more difficult to rationalize. And what better way to avoid confronting an unpleasant truth than by simply failing to report it?

What the stars tell us about ourselves

CAPITAL TALK

TEDDY KOLLEK with Amos Kollek

WHILE in New York recently on a fund-raising trip for the Jerusalem Foundation, I received an unexpected phone call from Paul Newman who said he wanted to come see me.

He didn't say why and I had no idea how he even knew I was in town. I had first met him while he was filming *Exodus* here in 1960 or '61, and we became friendly.

He later became a patron of the Israel Museum, but I had not seen him or spoken to him in decades, so naturally I was both surprised and pleased to hear from him. We arranged to meet in my hotel room later that day.

When I look back, I actually find it quite amazing how many movie stars, artists, writers, musicians, both Jewish and non-Jewish, have come to Israel and have gotten very involved with it. I'm not sure I know the reason for that.

The percentage of American Jews who have been to Israel is not particularly high, but it seems that almost every show-biz person who's anybody has been here. From Danny Kaye to Frank Sinatra, Barbra Streisand, Marlene Dietrich, Kirk Douglas, Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor.

Maybe Israel just excites the imagination of people whose livelihood is involved with creating drama, adventure and fairy tales – stories larger than life. Maybe they have a stronger need for profoundly unusual experiences, for challenge, meaning, roots. I don't know, I'm neither a philosopher nor a shrink. But they have certainly come in droves – writers such as Arthur Koestler, Saul Bellow, James Michener, John Steinbeck, Graham Greene. Musicians like Pablo Casals, Arthur Rubinstein, Isaac Stern, Zubin Mehta and Leonard Bernstein, to name only a few.

I have never given a great deal of thought to the link between Zionism and great international artists, although I have always enjoyed their company and their work. And I have spent time with quite a lot of them, but always for a cause, whether it was attracting tourists to Israel when I was director-general of the Prime Minister's Office or trying to enrich and enliven the cultural life in Jerusalem since I first became mayor.

It's not only artists who are deeply attracted to Israel, but all kinds of people you wouldn't expect. I am very fond of the mayor of Stuttgart, Manfred Rommel. He is considered one of the best mayors in the world, and moreover, has a great sense of humor. He is also the son of the famous general who led the German army in the African desert during World War II, was finally defeated by Montgomery at El-Alamein, and later committed suicide when the conspiracy to kill Hitler was exposed.

I remember our fears as members of Kibbutz Ein Gev during the war that General Rommel and his armies might push all the way to our area; our plans of what we would do in such an event. And now there is this great friendship between his son, the mayor of Stuttgart, and Israel, particularly Jerusalem, 50 years later.

Things take time; but when we step back and take an objective look, not all that much time. Sometimes, when I think of what has happened in the world in the past 50 years, and particularly in the past decade, it is simply mind-boggling, and nothing seems impossible or unbelievable.

I had a busy day in Manhattan with different meetings in my hotel room, and at 5 p.m. Paul Newman showed up, a bit older than I remembered him but still looking great. And I was happy I had asked my son Amos to come along, as Paul has been his idol.

We sat and chatted and it was apparent that he just wanted to hear about Israel and Jerusalem, and what our hopes were for the future, and it was a very pleasant meeting.

About half-an-hour later, we were joined by my next appointment, a businessman from South America whom I was trying to persuade to donate a substantial amount of money to a project in Jerusalem. We all chatted for a while longer and then Paul left, promising that he and his wife Joanne would try to come to Israel soon, and that he might be willing to consider making a film here to mark the 3,000th year since King David made Jerusalem his capital.

After he left, my businessman friend turned to me and said: "What a handsome fellow, who is he?"

As I said, nothing seems unbelievable.

Of heresy and ignorance

VIEW FROM NOV

MOSHE KOHN

MID-ELUL. Summer is nearly over. Schoolchildren and their parents are doing their last-minute buying of textbooks and school equipment.

The High Holy Days are on the horizon: service schedules and cantors' names are publicized; hotels announce "specials"; etrog merchants advertise their products.

Rosh Hashana begins on Monday evening, September 5, the earliest it will fall in the 20th century.

It is the season for taking stock of our achievements and failures of the outgoing 5754 year and considering what repairs are required in the incoming 5755 year.

The air is filled with the perennial controversy over surveys pointing to the failings of our general (commonly called "secular") state school system.

Those surveys, and many of the sights and sounds in our public places (including our cinema and television screens, theaters, sports arenas and parks), seem to point to an increasing detachment of growing sectors of Israeli Jewish society from our Jewish cultural heritage.

Following are a few examples from my own experience and other sources.

WHEN WE arrived as olim in 1957, a new sabra acquaintance said to me: "Now that you're in Israel, you really should drop your *Galut* [exilic] name, *Moisheh Cohen*, and take a good, modern Hebrew name!"

It took me another year or two to realize that that joke was only half funny; that it was symptomatic of the deracination I mentioned.

A more recent joke:

After an intensive discussion about a name for their newborn son, the wife proposes: "Moshe."

The husband: "All right. But I'd have preferred a biblical name."

By "biblical name" Israelis like that don't mean such names as Moshe/Moses, Shimshon/Samson, Rivka/Rebecca, Ruth etc., that were commonly given to Jewish children in the despised Diaspora, but Canaanite-style names like Nimrod and Anat, and such names that were rarely if ever given to children in the Diaspora like Uzi, Meirav, etc.

THE FOLLOWING are not jokes:

Some Jews write the Hebrew acronym "*HADRAG*," comprising the letters *het-dalet-resh-gimmel*, on the envelopes of letters they send. It stands for "*Herem D'Rabbenu Gershom*/Rabbi Gershom's Ban."

Rabbi Gershom ben Yehuda (960-1028), shaper of German Judaism, promulgated some *takkanot* (halachic regulations), including several bans applicable to Ashkenazi Jewry. One ban, not so well known, is the one on reading a communication not addressed to you without the permission of the addressee, of which "*HADRAG*" is intended to remind you. (Some say this ban also applies to tuning in on others' telephone and computer conversations.)

His most famous *herem*, of course, is the one on polygamy.

The Beersheba Rabbinical Court dealt with a husband-wife dispute. One of the *dayanim* (rabbinical judges) sitting on the court referred to that *herem* in his reasoned judgment.

A Tel Aviv journalist doing a followup story telephoned that rabbi, who mentioned the *Herem D'Rabbenu Gershom*.

The diligent journalist, wishing to check the matter at the source, asked for Rabbenu Gershom's telephone number.

I ALIGHTED from the bus in Jerusalem's Straus St. behind two girls aged about 10. As I stepped down I heard one girl say:

"It's funny: my father isn't at all religious. Only on Kippur he's a believer." Characteristically, in discussions about observance of traditional Jewish practices, many nonobservant sabras don't say simply that they don't observe, but that they are not "believers."

And a typical Israeli linguistic corruption, by religious Israelis too, is calling the Day of Atonement not by its correct names, "Yom Hakippurim" or "Yom Kippur," but simply as "Kippur," which makes no sense.

Rabbi Gavriel Goldman, the young sabra rabbi of Kfar Adumim, was interviewed about relations in that village between *dati'im*/religious and *hilonim*/secularists.

He replied: "Here we don't speak of *dati'im* and *hilonim*, but of *shomrei mitzvot* [those who observe religious precepts] and *shomrei yoter mitzvot* [those who observe more precepts]."

Goldman's reply is in the spirit of the statement the talmudic sages put in God's mouth: "Let them forsake Me, and let them just learn and observe My teachings" (*Yerushalmi Hagiga 1:7; Midrash Tehillim 127* [Buber edition]; *Echa Rabba, Petihta 2; Pesikta Derav Kahana 120b*).

The sages are suggesting the virtually heretical idea that God is less concerned about whether we "believe" and very much more concerned that we should learn and do the good both as individuals and as members of the Jewish faith/nation.

ANOTHER TALE of sabra semantics and attitudes:

Jerusalem's century-old Yemin Moshe neighborhood, is a small one. Yet if you are not accustomed to the lie of its staircases, lanes and houses, you are liable to get lost – as I did one day recently.

After going down the wrong staircase I did not see any of the familiar sites marking the route to my destination. The first two strollers I asked for directions knew even less than I about Yemin Moshe.

Along came a group of teenagers, shepherded by three men with automatic rifles slung over their shoulders.

Judging by their dress, their deep tans and the way they were chatting and carrying themselves, they were from some far-off kibbutz or moshav. And the bare heads of most of the men (a few wore *tembel* hats) and the earrings some of the teenage boys sported clearly indicated they were not *dati'im*.

Since they were coming from the general direction of my destination, I asked one of the adults if he had noticed Peleh Yoetz Street.

No, he hadn't.

Had they stopped at the Beit Yisrael synagogue (one of Yemin Moshe's historic sites, situated on Peleh Yoetz)?

The man drew himself up and declared: "We're *hilonim*, and we have nothing to do with synagogues."

PROF. ANITA Shapiro, head of the liberal arts faculty at Tel Aviv University, reports the following in the name of some colleagues:

In a Hebrew-literature class, a student asked who had translated the *Tanach* (Jewish Bible) into Hebrew.

Another student asked: "What's this 'Old Testament' and 'New Testament'? " (*Ha'aretz*, January 4, 1994).

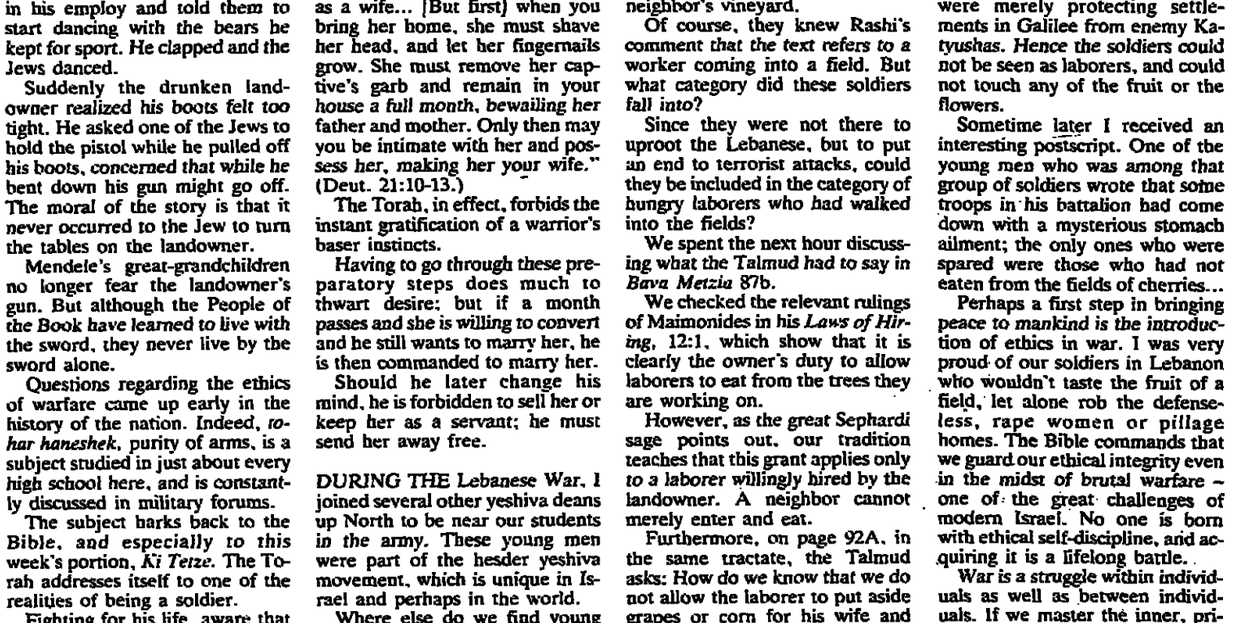
Students at teachers' seminaries and teachers doing further training are abysmally ignorant about the Jewish history of the past 300 years, including Zionist history.

Nonreligious schools are doing virtually nothing to foster the affinity of Israelis to the totality of the Jewish people (Dr. Ya'ir Auron, a teacher at the Kibbutz Movement Teachers' Seminary and author of *Jewish-Israeli Identity*, a study of the attitudes of teacher-trainees in the seminaries of all the trends).

YAACOV HAZAN, founder and nestor of the left-wing Zionist Hashomer Hatz'ir movement and one of the Third Aliya mentors of Mapam, was a scion of a rabbinical family and an avowed secularist.

He said: "We came to Eretz Yisrael to breed *apikorsim* [knowledgeable heretics], but all we've managed to produce is ignoramuses."

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The real 'war to end all wars' is within us

SHABBAT SHALOM

SHLOMO RISKIN

"When you come into your neighbor's vineyard, then you can eat as many grapes as you desire to satisfy your hunger, but you shall not put any in your basket."
(Deut. 23:25.)

I remember a vignette by Mendele Mokher Seforim about a rich Polish landowner who liked to grab Jews and make them tremble.

Once, very drunk, he pointed his revolver at some unfortunates in his employ and told them to start dancing with the bears he kept for sport. He clapped and the Jews danced.

Suddenly the drunken landowner realized his boots felt too tight. He asked one of the Jews to hold the pistol while he pulled off his boots, concerned that while he bent down his gun might go off. The moral of the story is that it never occurred to the Jew to turn the tables on the landowner.

Mendele's great-grandchildren no longer fear the landowner's gun. But although the People of the Book have learned to live with the sword, they never live by the sword alone.

Questions regarding the ethics of warfare came up early in the history of the nation. Indeed, *lohar haneshek*, purity of arms, is a subject studied in just about every high school here, and is constantly discussed in military forums.

The subject harks back to the Bible, and especially to this week's portion, *Ki Teitze*. The Torah addresses itself to one of the realities of being a soldier.

Fighting for his life, aware that every moment could be his last, a soldier is subject to all kinds of powerful emotions and desires.

All we have to do is see the many fatherless children American soldiers left behind in Europe, Japan, Korea and Vietnam to understand this grievous fallout of soldiering.

The Torah, acknowledging this reality, surrounds it with a barbed wire fence. When you go to war and take captives, the Torah says, and "you see a beautiful woman and desire her, you may take her as a wife... [But first] when you bring her home, she must shave her head, and let her fingernails grow. She must remove her captive's garb and remain in your house a full month, bewailing her father and mother. Only then may you be intimate with her and possess her, making her your wife." (Deut. 21:10-13.)

The Torah, in effect, forbids the instant gratification of a warrior's baser instincts.

Having to go through these preparatory steps does much to thwart desire; but if a month passes and she is willing to convert and he still wants to marry her, he is then commanded to marry her.

Should he later change his mind, he is forbidden to sell her or keep her as a servant; he must send her away free.

DURING THE Lebanese War, I joined several other yeshiva deans up North to be near our students in the army. These young men were part of the hesder yeshiva movement, which is unique in Israel and perhaps in the world.

Where else do we find young men combining religious study with army service, spending five years as soldier-scholars instead of the usual three as simple soldiers?

I'll never forget the first question that came up. It was summertime and as far as the eye could see the fields were alive with cherries. The soldiers wanted to know if the Torah permitted them to eat from the fruit of the fields. Until then, none of the hesder boys had taken even one bite, but they wanted to know if they could apply the verse we've quoted above concerning a neighbor's vineyard.

Of course, they knew Rashi's comment that the text refers to a worker coming into a field. But what category did these soldiers fall into?

Since they were not there to uproot the Lebanese, but to put an end to terrorist attacks, could they be included in the category of hungry laborers who had walked into the fields?

We spent the next hour discussing what the Talmud had to say in *Bava Metzia* 87b.

We checked the relevant rulings of Maimonides in his *Laws of Hiring*, 12:1, which show that it is clearly the owner's duty to allow laborers to eat from the trees they are working on.

However, as the great Sephardi sage points out, our tradition teaches that this grant applies only to a laborer willingly hired by the landowner. A neighbor cannot merely enter and eat.

Furthermore, on page 92A, in the same tractate, the Talmud asks: How do we know that we do not allow the laborer to put aside grapes or corn for his wife and sons? This law is derived from the passage: "...but you shall not put any into your basket."

In other words, the Torah is not saying that the food a worker may eat becomes part of his wage, a kind of "perk," but rather that the Torah is reflecting the law against muzzling the mouth of an ox while he is threshing, even the "human ox." Taking food home to a third party would therefore not be permitted.

On that summer day, not far from the Lebanese front, it was ruled that according to Jewish law the soldiers could not eat.

The major principle at hand was that we had no claim whatsoever on the Lebanese territory. We were merely protecting settlements in Galilee from enemy Katyushas. Hence the soldiers could not be seen as laborers, and could not touch any of the fruit or the flowers.

Sometime later I received an interesting postscript. One of the young men who was among that group of soldiers wrote that some troops in his battalion had come down with a mysterious stomach ailment; the only ones who were spared were those who had not eaten from the fields of cherries...

Perhaps a first step in bringing peace to mankind is the introduction of ethics in war. I was very proud of our soldiers in Lebanon who wouldn't taste the fruit of a field, let alone rob the defenseless, rape women or pillage homes. The Bible commands that we guard our ethical integrity even in the midst of brutal warfare – one of the great challenges of modern Israel. No one is born with ethical self-discipline, and acquiring it is a lifelong battle.

War is a struggle within individuals as well as between individuals. If we master the inner, private struggle, the day will come when we'll never have to fight the public ones, as nation after nation exchanges swords for plowshares.

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Cool new way to take the heat out of cooking

Two local inventors have created Daya-Chef, a machine that frees people from having to slave over a hot stove, **Helen Kaye** reports

IT all started because Yair Dar and his partner Shimon Yahav wanted a fail-safe method of roasting sunflower seeds, the white kind which they like best.

"We'd buy the seeds on Friday, and then by the time we sat down on Saturday to crack them, they would be stale," recalls 52-year-old Dar, a mechanical engineer.

Some seven years, 30 versions and about $3 million later, Dar and Yahav have introduced a totally new way of countertop cooking. Trademarked as Daya-Chef, the method is set to retire the phrase "slaving over a hot stove."

Its most revolutionary principle is a pair of easy-to-clip-on helical, stainless-steel stirrers, each equipped with a small, flattened cone-like wheel which also revolves. These stirrers pivot and revolve at a constant rate, with the little wheels ensuring that the food is always in the center of the stainless steel concave "saucepan."

In other words forget about stirring, beating, whisking, tossing or any other of the food-moving activities that require the cook to stand over the pot.

In fact, the whole setup is definitely a leap towards the 21st century. An electronic keypad control panel allows the user to precisely regulate the cooking time, the temperature and the speed of the stirrers. Another feature of the hot plate is that it will take any flat-bottomed saucepan, so you can cook a steak or fry an egg on it as well.

But Dar, a gentle, cautious and somewhat shy man who will wear a jacket and tie only when he needs to go abroad for meetings, doesn't like the term inventor. "It gives the idea of sudden inspiration. The idea is the smallest part of the process.... I prefer to talk about development because that's what each new product is the result of. Hours and patient hours of trying this and that, of trial and error until you get what you want."

Dar and draftsman Yahav are the team who in 1986 unveiled the revolutionary Epilady hair remover whose coiled spring action plucks out hairs like thousands of tiny tweezers all working at once. Today, its worldwide sales have totaled over a billion dollars.

The two met in 1973 when Dar decided to specialize in automation and they have been together ever since. Yahav "builds the prototypes and I make the plans," says Dar, who habitually says 'we' rather than 'I' when speaking of their inventions.

Born and raised in Jerusalem, Dar liked mechanical things from childhood. He earned a degree from the Technion and immediately went to work trying "to find new ways of overcoming technical problems in the manufacturing process."

This meant building machines, especially automated machines. In 1982 Yahav and Dar received the Kaplan Prize for their contribution to the automation of industry.

Their forays into the consumer market come from a wish to make a product for the challenge and the fun of it. One result was Daya-Chef, whose first name is a portmanteau of their last names. Even the choice of a name took a long time.

"We went through a list of about 800 but had to discard most of them because of future possible legal problems," explains Dar. "I think the name we came up with is catchy," he adds with modest pride.

The system comes complete with a saucepan, stirrers, a stainless-steel basket and an 80-recipe cookbook by cooking expert and author Ruth Sirkis. The book contains recipes for a host of dishes from french fries to chocolate mousse and even delicate sauces, which usually require a double boiler and crossed fingers.

Yahav and Dar used their own money for the R&D but have received government loans to set up the manufacturing line at Solarum, a factory in Hatzor Haglilit in Upper Galilee which is capable of turning out several thousand per month.

At present, Daya-Chef is only for the local market, although negotiations are under way for its export to European countries, "where there's been considerable interest," says Dar.

Cheap it isn't at about NIS 1,200, which is what 12 NIS 99 payments add up to. The system went on sale last week at selected department stores and some 350 have already been sold.

There will probably be new accessories and spinoffs, but Dar is mum on these. Meanwhile, every weekend, "we roast a lot of sunflower seeds," he says.



Shimon Yahav (left) and Yair Dar: First it was Epilady, now it's Daya-Chef.

Selling with sex: A successful formula

Coed Naked, a sportswear line, lures buyers with provocative slogans, **Christine Gardner** writes

NOBODY is running around in the buff at the Coed Naked sportswear factory, despite the suggestive brand name and the racy sayings on the company's line of T-shirts, caps and other casual wear.

But the skyrocketing success of Coed Sportswear Inc. over the past four years appears to prove that even today, nothing boosts sales like a hint of sex.

In 1990 two young entrepreneurs, Mark Lane and Scott MacHardy, bought Coed Naked's trademark logo and 18 designs for $15,000 from a tiny firm called Riefer Sportswear of Dover, New Hampshire, where both recent college graduates worked.

Lane and MacHardy, both 27, began working from a makeshift headquarters in a garage and distributing their T-shirts through local shops. Within a year, sales had tripled from $300,000 to nearly $1 million and then jumped again to $2.5m. by 1992 and $7m. last year.

The firm predicts sales of $25m. in the US this year and hopes to expand into Canada, Australia and New Zealand by September.

The clothes combine the logo with sports or other activities and there are 75 variations, like "Coed Naked Lacrosse."

But what does "Coed Naked" mean? Coed in American parlance means a female college student, so does a bare-all women's lacrosse team exist somewhere? Or is it a thinly veiled sexual come-on?

"I try and figure it out all the time," said Lane. "There's no answer," said MacHardy. "It's whatever you want it to be. All we know is, when you put those two words together, it's magic."

Critics including the National Organization for Women are less enthusiastic. They have slammed the logo as sexist and degrading to women and are not amused by phrases on the products like "Coed Naked Law Enforcement – Up Against the Wall And Spread 'Em."

One phrase has drawn the most rancour, "Coed Naked Fire Fighting – Find 'Em Hot, Leave 'Em Wet," prompting a letter from a woman who said she believed the shirt aggravated college date rape.

"I don't think that's fair," said MacHardy. "There are a lot of things wrong in society and rape is one of them but I don't think my shirt contributes to it. A lot of people say 'you guys will do anything for money' – if we just wanted to make money, instead of making $26 million we could do $126 million if we just did risqueness, but we want to be in [upmarket chain store] Jordan Marsh."

Coed's casual clothes – sold in some 40 local shops in 1990 – are now on sale in over 8,000 stores. Most of those stores that carry the line are small independents, though they are available at a few large chains like Jordan Marsh.

MacHardy and Lane contend the logo is harmless. "We're not trying to offend anyone," said Lane. "We're just having fun." At the same time, said MacHardy, "We realize we have something very powerful. Five million people will buy us this year."

Whether or not in response to the complaints, the firm's new line, also geared to sports enthusiasts, will probably be less controversial. Its logo is "Hafta," as in "Hafta [slang for I have to] – Ski."

Another line set to appear in September carries no printed messages and can offend nobody – green and beige Madras plaid shorts.

The company now employs 36 people and its offices and factory are housed in an 1,860-square meter 19th-century red brick former mill in southern New Hampshire.

"Things are happening so quickly around here, sometimes it's overwhelming," Lane said. (Reuter)

Baking soda comes out of the oven and into the closet

What began as a cake ingredient is turning up in all kinds of products, **Bruce Horovitz** reports

By the industry's own scorecard, boxes of baking soda are sucking up odors inside nearly nine out of 10 American refrigerators. More refrigerators are likely to have baking soda than working light bulbs.

But thanks to clever marketing, and general consumer perception that baking soda is a veritable magic potion, baking soda is now coming out of the refrigerator.

These days, it's in the medicine cabinet (inside some brands of toothpaste, mouthwash, dental floss, shampoo, underarm deodorant, foot powder, feminine napkins, douches and yes, even a sore-throat gargle); the broom closet (carpet deodorizer, laundry detergent, air freshener) and of course, a must for the family pet (kitty litter).

What's next? Well, one company is testing a baking-soda makeup remover – just in case you want to bubble your makeup away.

"Baking soda is becoming the oat bran of the 1990s," said Lynn Dornblaser, publisher of *New Product News*, a Chicago trade journal. And like many of the oddball things that oat bran was mixed into during its heyday in the 1980s, she said, "baking soda is starting down the road toward goofiness."

But few consumers seem to think it is goofy.

Baking soda will be promoted as a key ingredient in 25 percent of the estimated $1.5 billion worth of toothpaste sold this year. So, what is it about baking soda as an ingredient that prods consumers to grab it from the shelf?

"It has an aura of being natural – whatever that means," said Jerald Jellison, a University of Southern California professor of psychiatry. "And a ring of purity."

But it also has chemical elements that truly work. When baking soda is mixed into cake batter, it releases a carbon dioxide gas causing the mixture to rise. For deodorizing, it kills odors by chemically neutralizing most odor molecules it comes in contact with. And as a cleaning agent, it removes dirt by neutralizing fatty acids found in dirt and grease.

"A lot of people grew up with that yellow box in their refrigerators," said Al Heller, editor-in-chief of the New York trade magazine *Non-Foods Merchandising*. "There's a nostalgia factor there. And people trust the ingredients."

They trust it so much, in fact, that baking soda – also known as sodium bicarbonate – was one of the primary ingredients used to clean the Statue of Liberty before the 1986 Bicentennial celebration.

And to think, at one time this powdery, white mineral deposit was relegated to making bread rise.

Truth is, there's nothing really new about baking soda. What's new is the array of products the baking soda is being stirred into, said Clive Chajet, chairman of the New York corporate image firm Lippincott & Margulies.

"It was always under-marketed," Chajet said, "and at the end of the day, marketers have got to have something new to talk about. So why not baking soda?"

It would be hard to find a company that knows more about baking soda than Church & Dwight, which makes the 148-year-old Arm & Hammer brand. Its familiar logo, of a muscular arm waving a steel hammer, ranks among the world's most recognized product symbols.

But the company was generally satisfied to let baking soda just be baking soda until the mid-1980s. That's when its marketing department began to push the company to start taking tips from consumers – who suggested they make a baking soda-based laundry detergent. This was followed shortly by a carpet deodorizer and a room freshener with the ingredient.

About this same time, the company started adding it to toothpaste. It has since been followed by almost every toothpaste maker – from Crest to Colgate. And last year Chesebrough-Pond's introduced Mentadent toothpaste – which it has very successfully marketed on the basis of two key ingredients: peroxide and, of course, baking soda.

But besides tingling in the mouth, does baking soda actually clean teeth any better? Some dentists believe that the bubbling action of baking soda in the mouth can result in deeper cleaning of the teeth and gums. But one expert firmly disagrees.

"For oral hygiene, it does nothing of any great significance," said Dr. Nathaniel Rowe, chairman of the Council on Dental Therapeutics, which is the division of the American Dental Association in charge of accrediting various toothpastes. "It doesn't do much because it dissolves so quickly in saliva. There's really nothing you can hang your hat on."

In fact, the council's main concern in testing toothpastes with baking soda, he said, is to make sure that baking soda's chemicals do not counteract the good things that fluoride does.

But executives at Church & Dwight – while making no specific claims about what baking soda can do for teeth – say the sales figures speak for themselves.

"Do you think we could con one quarter of the population if they were not actually getting some sort of benefit from it?" posed James E. Barch, vice president of marketing at Church & Dwight. "I find it inconceivable than any manufacturer could pull a deception of this magnitude."

Meanwhile, Arm & Hammer has reached well-beyond toothpaste. Just a month ago it introduced an antiperspirant deodorant with baking soda. The company hopes that it sells better than the baking soda oven cleaner it sold briefly in the 1970s before taking it off the market. "The consumer had a tough time accepting baking soda in such a down and dirty category," Barch explained.

That isn't stopping others from trying even more rather oddball uses for the product.

Earlier this year, the folks who make Odor Eaters began to put it into their foot powder. "Consumers are aware of its odor-destroying properties," said Rick Kornhauser, marketing director at Combe Inc. "It's a perfect fit with foot care." Two months ago, baking soda also began to show up in a shampoo made by Western Pleasure Inc. of Omaha, Neb.

"In a liquid state, baking soda effervesces and cleans deeper than normal shampoo," said Bill Frye, president of the company that, until now, only sold the brand in hair salons. "A lot of models, surfers and ranchers use it," he said.

Among the most unusual baking soda products, scheduled to hit store shelves in September, is a medication that is supposed to relieve soar throats: GargleAid.

Baking soda helps to draw fluids from the throat, explained Diane Davis, director of marketing at Tech Laboratories Inc., the Albany, Oregon, maker of the product. "It works a lot better than your Mom telling you to gargle with salt water." (Los Angeles Times)

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Dogma falls to freethinking

CHESS

NIGEL DAVIES

IT is better to be young, beautiful, intelligent and healthy than old, ugly, stupid and ill. The great chess teacher at the turn of the century, Dr. Siegbert Tarrasch, understood this very well. And in his games and annotations he is a wonderful advocate of space, time, the bishop pair and open files, among other things.

This is all very well when we play opponents who haven't heard about these things. We occupy the center, develop our pieces, take their bishops and smash them. But a problem arises when our opponents know all about such principles and become decidedly uncooperative. Horror of horrors, they may even try to do the same to us!

Therein lay the weakness of the great doctor. Slaughtering the peasants was one thing, but he had problems against players well versed in positional principles who could also find the exceptions. Emanual Lasker was altogether too much for him, for in addition to his great knowledge, Lasker also had a dynamic and lively mind free of dogma.

The classical principles formulated by Wilhelm Steinitz were general observations on the majority of cases; good rules of thumb which will probably apply. But taking them as unshakable laws, which is what Tarrasch tended to do, led to the tail wagging the dog.

The antithesis of Tarrasch was the great Russian master Mikhail Chigorin, who lived at the same time.

Chigorin was more interested in the specifics of each position, looking for the exceptions rather than the rules. And in his highly individual and creative games we sometimes see a reversal of all that Tarrasch held dear: a preference for knights over bishops and the dynamic counterattacking potential of cramped positions.

The following game, played by correspondence in 1899, is wonderfully original, and portends the arrival of the hypermoderns in the 1920s and later the dynamic young Soviets. Even with the White pieces Chigorin adopts a very restrained setup, but one with concealed dynamic energy. And when the energy is released, with 11.d4!, Black's position is torn apart.

Chigorin – Tabushnikov
French Defense

1.e4 e6 2.Qe2!?

Bringing the queen out on the second move like this would be unthinkable to players from the Tarrasch school of thought. But Chigorin's played it exclusively, one of the points being that it prevents ...d7-d5 and another that it helps toward a King's Indian Attack type setup with g3, Bg2, Nf3, d3 etc..

2...Be7 3.Qg4!

Completely unrepentant, Chigorin moves the queen again. Of course Black must also interrupt his development to defend the pawn on g7.

3...Bf6 4.Nf3 e5 5.Qg3!

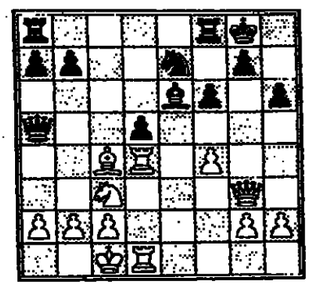
Once again!

5...d6 6.Nc3 Be6 7.d3 Nc6 8.Be2 h6 9.Be3 Nge7 10.0-0-0 d5 11.d4!

Despite having moved his queen three times, White is ahead in development and this opening of the center spells serious trouble for Black. White's moves would be taboo for players reared on the dictates of Tarrasch, but in the specific position they were excellent.

11...exd4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bxd4 14.Rxd4 0-0 15.f4 f6 16.Bc4! c6 17.Rhd1 Qa5 18.exd5 cxd5

Perhaps Black was now expecting the line 19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.Bxd5 Bxd5 21.Rxd5 Qxa2, but he is in for a rude awakening (see diagram).



19.Nxd5!

This is met by 20.Rxd5! Bxd5 21.Rxd5 followed by 22.Rd7+ and mate on g7. Black in trouble.

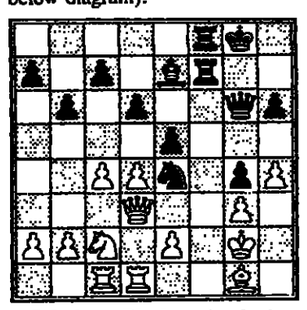
19...Nf5 20.Ne7+! Nxe7 21.Bxe6+ Kh8 22.Rd7 Rae8 23.f5 Qb5 24.a3 Qc5 25.Rc7 Qb6 26.Kb1 Ng6

A last gasp, hoping for 27.Qxg6 Qxc7

27.Rxg7! 1-0

Black is mated after 27...Kxg7 28.Qxg6+ Kh8 29.Qxh6 mate.

THIS WEEK'S problem is from a game Hort – Hug, from 1972. Black to play and win (solution below diagram).



Solution: Black unleashed a devastating kingside attack with 1...Bxh4!! 2.gxh4 Rf3! 3.Ne3 (3.exf3 gxf3+ is followed by 4...Qg2 mate) 3...Rg3+ 4.Kh1 (4.Kh2 Qh5) 4...Rf2! after which White resigned. The threat is 5...Rh3+ and 5.Bxf2 Nxf2+ wins the White queen.



Despite their snakelike appearance, eels are actually fish, with tiny fins near their heads. (Werner Braun)

A slippery mystery of spawning

NATURE

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

EELS are actually fish, but they certainly don't look like fish. They look like snakes, and unless you spot their very small fins, there isn't much to say that they aren't.

Here, the freshwater eel (*tzlofah erope'i* in Hebrew) is well distributed in the coastal rivers, at least those that are not polluted.

The local eel, *Anguilla anguilla* in Latin, is found in rivers and streams of Europe and North Africa. It is about a meter and a half long and weighs about one kilo when fully grown. It has numerous teeth and feeds on smaller marine life, including small fish.

The remarkable thing about eels is their breeding pattern, which is unique. All of these eels are hatched in the depths of the Sargasso Sea in the Gulf of Mexico.

The adult eels that produced the eggs after a long migration die, and the elvers remain alone. At this stage in their lives they do not resemble the adult eel, but are small, flattish objects that look more or less like floating leaves.

The tiny elvers then begin their long journey back to the rivers of Europe and the Middle East, and during this period, which lasts three to four years, they grow very little.

They enter freshwater streams after a slow period of adaptation in the brackish waters of the inlet and, in their chosen river or stream, they develop to full-size eels. This takes another eight to 10 years; the eel is an adult only at the age of about 12 years. How long it takes is affected by local temperatures and food supply.

Once the eels reach adulthood, they adapt to the sea and begin the migratory route thousands of miles back to the Sargasso Sea, where they were hatched, swimming along at a depth of 2,000 to 4,000 meters. There they spawn and there they will die, while another cycle of eel life begins.

It was the fact that he never found baby eels or spawning adult eels in the river that led Aristotle to conclude that eels developed from the mud at the bottom of the rivers, a case of "spontaneous generation." This was believed in many places until the end of the 18th century.

But now, even knowing where the eels breed, even having "tagged" them with radioactive isotopes and followed them back and forth across uncharted oceans, we still don't know the answer to some very basic questions. Why do they breed only in the Sargasso? How do the tiny elvers find their way back to their parental homes? What sends the adults back to the Sargasso after so many years?

Partnerships made in heaven

BRIDGE

MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

North dealer
East-West vulnerable

North
♠ AKQ75
♡ A7
◇ KJ94
♣ 97

West (Kay)
♠ J63
♡ QJ9642
◇ Q86
♣ A

East
♠ 9842
♡ K
◇ A1052
♣ 10632

South (Kaplan)
♠ 10
♡ 10853
◇ 73
♣ KQJ854

West	North	East	South
–	1♠	pass	1NT
pass	2◇	pass	3♣
pass	3NT	(all pass)	

Opening lead: ♡Q

THE Talmud says that marriages are made in heaven. But what about bridge partnerships?

It's not easy to keep a bridge partner, for it is natural for most bridge players to spot the weaknesses in their partner's game and eventually to become frustrated with them.

As in marriage, the best way to keep a partner is to coddle him, and both partners must be willing to work on their game and their deportment toward each other. Bridge players are not known for politeness.

The longest-running partnership in expert circles is Edgar Kaplan of New York and Norman ... of Philadelphia. They have ... playing together for more ...ars, and continue to en... This past spring, they ...al of the Vanderbilt ... North American championships, losing the match by only one point. This is not an easy loss to take, and many a partnership would leave the tournament with bitterness and incriminations, but Kaplan and Kay survived.

One reason perhaps is Kay's gentle nature, his willingness to take the blame for errors, while complimenting his partner on a good play. Another is Kaplan's wit. Kaplan, editor of *Bridge World Magazine*, finds sarcastic humor in the saddest occasions.

Once they were having an absolutely dreadful game, losing points hand after hand, and it was obvious that Kaplan was upset. Kay had just gone down 800 points on two hands in a row, and after apologizing, Kay said sincerely, "Edgar, I am not trying to throw you."

Kaplan responded, "What do you want me to do, celebrate?"

Today's deal is one of Kay's favorites, despite the fact that he was playing against Kaplan at the time, and that Kay was on the losing side. The hand comes from Life Masters Individual, an event in which the top players took turns playing with and against each other. The event took place a short time before Kay and Kaplan formed their now-famous partnership, and was instrumental in the affair.

Kay was sitting West against Kaplan, who was South. North opened the bidding one spade and Kaplan responded one notrump, because he did not have enough strength to bid at the two-level.

His partner rebid two diamonds, and now Kaplan bid three clubs, showing a long club suit and a weak hand.

Nevertheless, his partner bid three notrump, not appreciating that if Kaplan held a good hand for his notrump response, he would have rebid notrump himself. North would have had a better case for bidding three notrump if he held the ace doubleton of clubs, which would have helped South run his club suit.

After Kay led the queen of hearts, dummy came down and Kaplan began to puff on his pipe furiously. There was little hope for making nine tricks, because there was no entry to the club suit, even if it could be established.

Whoever held the ace of clubs would surely duck the first round, destroying communication between dummy and South. Still, there was little else to do but to attack the club suit, so Kaplan won the ace of hearts at trick one and led the nine of clubs to the king at trick two. He was a bit surprised when Kay won the ace.

Kay switched to a diamond. Kaplan put in dummy's jack, losing to East's ace. East returned a diamond to Kay's queen and dummy's king. Now Kaplan led the seven of clubs from dummy and finessed East's 10 by putting in the eight. How did he know to do this?

"Because," said Kaplan afterwards, "I had Norman Kay on my left. Never in his life would he have gone up with the ace of clubs on the first round if he could have found another club. He just doesn't do those things."

Kaplan scored 10 tricks for a top score, but at the same time paid his opponent an enormous compliment.

Kay was so flattered that very soon thereafter, the two of them joined forces; and they have been going strong ever since.

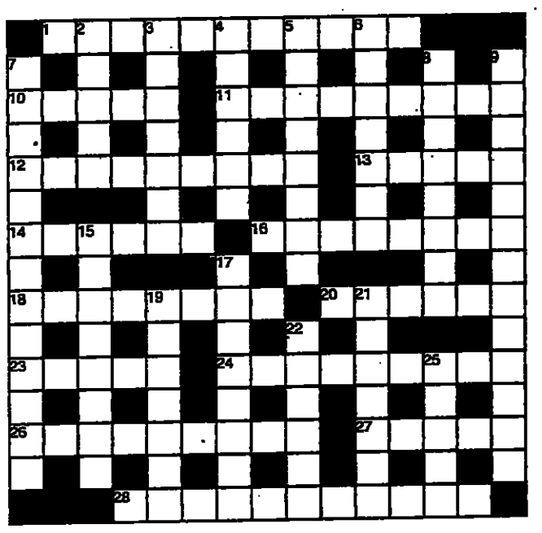
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Cease association with component firm (4,7)
10 Humble headquarters (5)
11 Member of an order whose stonework is priceless (9)
12 Tick given for using a plain vocabulary (4,5)
13 Made a threat involving loss of living (5)
14 Complaint by a female graduate (6)
16 Agreeing on the best place to provide domestic electricity? (2,6)
18 Children require little fish (5,3)
20 Private transaction proves a trying experience (6)
23 Additional article coated with gold (5)
24 Betray and defeat factory workers (4-5)
26 Malicious references send union into a frenzy (9)
27 Light reflected from a single amethyst (5)
28 Acerbity results from a lack of capital (11)

DOWN

2 Gather it's the cry of a self-confessed moron (5)
3 Negotiated to be patiently dealt with (7)
4 Bully for daughter gaining a university place (6)
5 Agreeable lake in rustic surroundings (8)
6 Itinerant sees cross depicted in restored icon (7)
7 Bungle commission to convert property for service accommodation (4,1,4,2,2)
8 Look into getting away with a slice of meat (8)
9 Where becalmed sailors become depressed (2,3,3)
15 See an object with feelings of disgust (8)
17 Salvationists give heart to less refined campaigner (8)
19 Bounty was a sizeable ship (7)
21 Shelter given to oriental migrant (7)
22 Venomous substance son extracted from French fish (6)
25 Derived from oil EC manufactured (5)



SOLUTIONS

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Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 7 Trance, 8 Furred, 10 Answers, 12 Zebra, 13 Gong, 15 Risen, 17 Borax, 18 Dove, 22 Loser, 23 Everest, 24 Blanch, 25 Tongue.

DOWN: 1 Strange, 2 Passing, 3 Acted, 4 Puzzled, 5 Bribe, 6 Ideal, 9 Estimated, 14 Correct, 15 Foreign, 16 Beetles, 19 Globe, 20 Assam, 21 Devon.

QUICK CROSSWORD

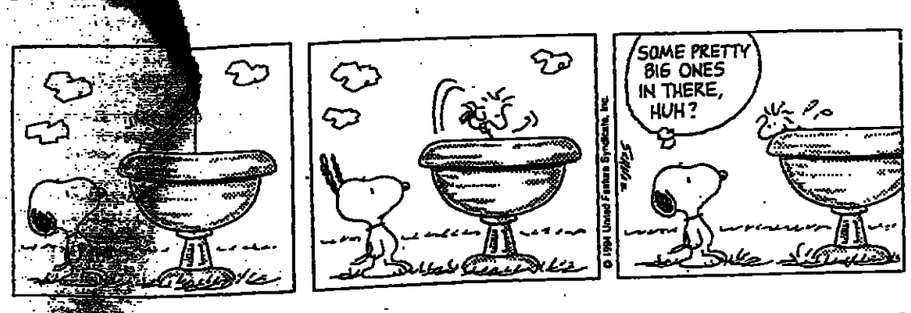
ACROSS

1 Strikes sharply (6)
4 Writing material (5)
8 W African republic (5)
9 Unbeliever (7)
10 Word of opposite meaning (7)
11 Dregs (4)
12 Mimic (3)
14 Heraldic devices (4)
15 Advocate earnestly (4)
18 Turf (3)
21 Was in debt (4)
23 Accomplish (7)
25 The least possible (7)
26 Kingdom (5)
27 Hold fast (5)
28 Emphasis (6)

DOWN

1 N American tent (6)
2 Referee (7)
3 Generosity (8)
4 Pant (4)
5 Service chaplain (5)
6 Savour (6)
7 Greek 's' (5)
13 Greatly elated (8)
16 Hand-bomb (7)
17 Of the universe (6)
19 Diurnal (5)
20 Curtain drapery (6)
22 Boredom (5)
24 Smoky fog (4)

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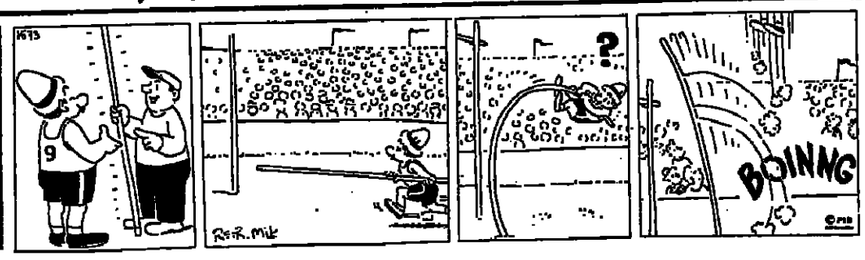
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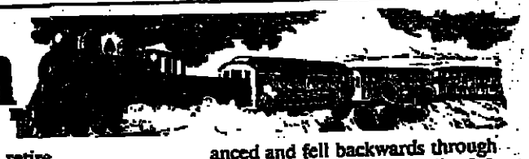
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Stories from the slumbercoach



TRAVEL

STUART REID

THE persistent clanging of the bell of an American locomotive as it pulls slowly, heavily into a station is as forlornly romantic as any sound on earth. But on this occasion it was not High Noon; it was low, muggy midnight at Union Station in Washington DC, and the Silver Meteor from New York to Miami was half an hour late.

I was a right proper Englishman bound for Charleston, South Carolina. There was to be no dinner in the diner. By the time I boarded, the restaurant had closed. The bar had closed too, but there were still people there because it is the only place on the train where you can smoke.

In May, Amtrak banned smoking on its daytime service. Smokers have to travel overnight.

A group of young men were finishing off beers bought earlier and taking an occasional swig from a bottle in a brown paper bag. A heavy man with a severe crew cut, violent tattoos and a T-shirt bearing the legend "BIG MAN" came into the bar in search of company, but no one spoke to him and he left. So did I, after smoking my first cigarette for nine months.

Amtrak's reclining seats are very comfortable, with leg rests and plenty of room to stretch out. I dozed, but not for long. At 1:30 a baby began to cry, and kept it up for an hour or so. We were not yet out of Virginia.

By four I gave up trying to sleep and stared biliously out of the window into the misty North Carolinian night. From time to time we passed down the main streets of towns: clapboard houses, brick warehouses, general stores, beauty parlors and dress shops with dummies in frocks and white gloves.

I went to the bar car as soon as it opened at six: where there's smoke there's talk. One of the drinkers from the night before, in baseball cap, jeans and turquoise top, was asleep in his chair. A young couple – cheerful, slim, handsome – arrived with their small boy. The father lit a thick, 20-cm cigar, the mother a Marlboro, and the boy sat at the table passively smoking and contentedly filling in a coloring book.

"I say," I said, "that's quite a thing to smoke at this time of the morning."

He grinned. "Never used to smoke," he said, "till they started telling me not to. I'll give it up in 1996 when they vote Hillary out of the White House."

He left for a moment and returned with a musical chocolate cake: It had a music box buried inside it and there were candles on top, which the boy blew out.

"Is it the boy's birthday?" I asked.

"Hell no," said the man. "It's our third wedding anniversary. The boy's birthday is tomorrow."

You meet fine Americans on Amtrak. Most of them are poor (Amtrak, which is largely funded by the federal government, charges less than the airlines). Many of them, on the Silver Meteor at least, are blacks returning to, or fleeing from, their roots in the South.

And then there are the big people, of whom there are many in America, people too big for air travel.

A retired brakeman in his 70s – a Texan with a thick accent – joined me. He was on his way to Jacksonville, Florida. "My wife is attending a Methodist conference in Fayetteville, so I thought, 'Heck, I'll take myself off.' "

What did he think of Amtrak's new no-smoking policy? He shrugged. "Know what I think? I think it's pizza. All them people eating pizza all the time. Gives 'em cancer. Y'all have pizza in England?" I told him we ate little else.

The train rattled on. We could now see live oaks and Spanish moss and swamps.

We were in alligator country. The Texan and I discussed crime, and he said: "Mind you, most blacks aren't black. Their blood's all mixed up." He leaned forward and tapped me knowingly on the knee. "D'y'all use the word 'ferk' in England?" I told him we did, all the time. "It's all that ferking," he said.

IN ITS own way the Meteor arrived in Charleston on time – half an hour late. For the return journey – to Philadelphia – I spent an extra $36 on a "slumbercoach." Why not spoil yourself, I thought.

The Meteor going north was one-and-a-half hours late. "There's been trouble with the track at Tampa," said the station master over the public address system. "I am sorry."

An anxious man from the City of Brotherly Love, with whom I had been discussing world affairs – he knew in minute detail the ethnic composition of every nation in Europe and most in North Africa – shook his fist at the loudspeaker and said: "Oh, no you're not, you son of a bitch." He had to be at work the next morning.

But the blacks on the platform whooped with delight and slapped hands when they heard the announcement. "Hey," one of them shouted, "that's my *man*."

The slumbercoach, it turned out, was not a good buy. It was little more than a lavatory, with a threadbare chair alongside the loo. It was about 1.2 meters square and smelled of disinfectant.

At chest height there was a recess in the wall facing the engine, from which I folded down a bed. The mattress was stained. I made the bed (wondering whether to lie on top of it fully clothed, or to put on pajamas and risk God-knew-what by lying between the sheets), stowed my bags and went for a drink. I had just bought a Diet Pepsi when the train hit something, swayed and came to a squealing, shuddering halt. There was silence. A conductor, his radio barking urgent but unintelligible messages, ran through the carriage.

An agreeable young man, who was sitting opposite me and periodically spat into a paper cup, said: "We've probably run over some bum. One time I got out to have a look when that happened. It was like blood had been sprayed everywhere. The body was completely discombobulated."

The idea that we'd hit someone caught on quickly. "One-and-a-half hours late and now this," said an aggrieved passenger. The lights went out.

We drank and smoked in the dark. I discussed sex, politics and religion with the young man. On the whole I was more interested in what he had to say about sex than about politics and religion. He had been in Charleston to see his girlfriend, and told me about his adventures in some detail. My advice to readers of this newspaper is: Never make love to a girl in a car in Charleston in the summer.

"What's becoming of us?" he said. He took out his wallet and pulled from it a typed sheet with an official looking heading. It was his HIV negative certificate. "I mean what's the world coming to when a guy of 25 has to carry a thing like this around?" It was time to retire.

As I walked down the corridor, elderly women, some in curlers, looked anxiously from their slumbercoaches, asking if we had hit someone. I think we have, I said.

Back in my berth, I decided to risk putting on my pajamas and sleeping between the sheets, but I kept on my socks, underpants and T-shirt. I slept for perhaps an hour, and probably for less. It was cold enough in there to store a side of beef for a month. I put up with the discomfort until about four and then turned on the light, and saw opposite the loo a panel with detailed instructions about how to control the temperature.

There was supposed to be a dial to adjust the air-conditioning, but I could not see it. However, there was a screw hanging down from the air vent, so I pushed it upwards and the rush of air slowed somewhat. Then I turned the heating on.

The slumbercoach became a little more comfortable, but there was no question of sleep now.

At seven I got up, dressed, shaved – there was a fold-down sink – and dropped my packet of Marlboro Lights. It occurred to me that three of the cigarettes in the torn corner of the packet had come into contact with the floor and were therefore now a health hazard and had to be disposed of. In my anxiety to avoid catching "germs" I attempted to place the cigarettes in the wastebin without actually touching it. I overbalanced and fell backwards through the door, which I had earlier left ajar, gashing my right elbow. Blood....

In the restaurant car I became a little hysterical, forgetting for a moment that an Englishman's first duty when abroad is to behave at all times with rock-like dignity. A good-natured Samoan waiter said: "Hey, no problem," and got out the first-aid kit.

He gave me two vials of iodine and some plasters. I returned to my quarters to treat myself, again taking great care not to allow my hands, now surgical instruments, to touch any part of the room.

In the bar car I ordered a Diet Sprite from the attendant, a grim Slav. I asked him what exactly had happened the night before. "Some guy jumped on the line," he said with what might have been satisfaction. "There was blood and bones everywhere. They had to get the coroner out of bed, and then get the cops and clean it up. That'll be 90 cents." I gave him a dollar, and he went through the motions of fishing a dime from the cash till. "Keep it," I said. "Thanks," he said. "Have a nice one."

We arrived in Philadelphia four hours late.

Amtrak takes you on a ride into the past, into a kinder, gentler and better America. It's a great way to go. But next time I'll avoid the slumbercoach.

May that suicide rest in peace.

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From China, with love for their grandchild

GRAPEVINE

GREER FAY CASHMAN

NOT everyone would make the journey from Beijing to Jerusalem to attend a circumcision ceremony. But **Moshe Ben-Ya'acov**, Israel's ambassador to China, and his wife, **Aviva**, had a vested interest in the cherub who was being inducted into the faith. He happened to be their grandson, **Kfir**. Guests included Chinese Ambassador **Lin Zhen**, who displayed a keen interest in the actual procedure, so much so that he later engaged in conversation with circumciser **Yosef Halperin** to find out more about the subject. Foreign Minister **Shimon Peres** took time out from the affairs of state to make an appearance.

THE CROATIANS are more interested in establishing diplomatic relations with Israel than Israel is in forging ties with Croatia. But diplomacy was very much on the minds of a top-level trade delegation led by Croatian Minister of Trade **Nadan Vidosevic** and **Ivan Penic**, deputy minister for privatization, who participated in the inauguration of the Israel–Croatian Economic Authority.

It all started with a chance meeting between two new immigrants: **Peter Weisz**, an artist from Croatia who knew everyone who is anyone there, and British scrap-metal millionaire **Walter Hubert**. Weisz told Hubert that there was a lot of money to be made in his native country, and the two began exploring possibilities for trade between Israel and Croatia. The result was the founding of SOS-ROB Trading Limited, with offices in Zagreb, Lancashire and Jerusalem.

The next step was to bring together government representatives and business people from both countries to explore cooperation in the fields of tourism, shipping, communications and trade. Hubert, a former chairman of Blackburn Rovers, was happy to start the ball rolling with soccer diplomacy.

NO SOONER was it was known that controversial Shas MK **Aryeh Deri** and his wife **Yaffa** had been blessed with their sixth daughter and seventh child, there was little doubt that the infant would be called **Margalit**. She was named after **Margalit Yosef**, the wife of Shas mentor and former Sephardi chief rabbi Ovadia Yosef. The rabbi's wife died late last month.

Margalit Deri was delivered on the day Deri's lawyers, Dan Avi Yitzhak and Amnon Zichroni, unsuccessfully petitioned the Jerusalem District Court to be allowed to resign from his case.

To those who regarded the thwarted resignation as yet another trick aimed at delaying his trial, due to start September 1, an angry Deri said that such people would also perceive the baby's birth as a trick. That would be taking planned parenthood a little too far.

MAIL IN Israel is occasionally late, sometimes taking a week to get across town. Mail sent from overseas may be in transit for three months. But there is no explanation for the delay in diplomatic mail from the White House to **Teddy Kollek** via the US Embassy in Tel Aviv.

Last September, Kollek, then still mayor of Jerusalem, visited the White House where he met with **President Clinton**. The occasion was duly photographed for posterity. Some days later Clinton signed the photo with a dedication message and asked **Mary Emery**, a staff member in the office of the national security adviser, to forward it. Emery placed it in an envelope accompanied by an explanatory note dated October 27, which she sent to **William Brown**, who was then US ambassador. Kollek received the photograph nearly 10 months later – on August 10.

SIGN OF the times. MK **Naomi Chazan** last week found a note from her soldier son: "Someone called from Jordan." But the young man, who had already returned to his unit, had neglected to take the person's name. How quickly we take things for granted.

THE CALL to Chazan had something to do with the local branch of Women's Action for the Mediterranean (WAM), which she inaugurated last Friday. The group aims to expand personal contacts between women here and those in other Mediterranean countries, including those in Moslem states which have no relations with Israel.

WAM is the outgrowth of last May's Marrakesh conference attended by women from some 30 Mediterranean and European countries. Some of the 17 Israeli delegates were introduced to Tunisian and Algerian women delegates, thanks to Palestinian women, observed Peace Now's **Galia Golan**. Moreover, according to Chazan, the ability of Israeli and Palestinian women to communicate was seen as a lesson for Greek and Turkish women to follow.

GERMAN BUSINESS tycoon **Josef Buchman**, whose numerous philanthropic and investment interests in Israel are legend, this week hosted a gala benefit dinner for the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra at Hamburg's Four Seasons Hotel. The dinner, which netted DM 100,000 for the IPO's special projects fund, was graced by Israel Ambassador Avi Primor and some 200 of northern Germany's most affluent personalities, many of whom had earlier attended the IPO's Schleswig-Holstein Festival recital under the baton of Zubin Mehta.

IS THERE a special link between Beit Hanassi and Channel 2? **Aharon Barnea**, who was President Ezer Weizman's spokesman, is one of the leading figures on the Channel Two news team. And Channel 2 ombudsman **Giora Pordes** served briefly as Weizman's military adjutant after a long stint under former president Chaim Herzog, whom he served as spokesman.

CHANNEL 2 newsreader **Oshrat Levi**, whose on-camera attire is generally conservative, went in the opposite direction in her choice of wedding gown. Levi, 26, wore a low-cut, revealing halter-neck dress designed by **Yuval Ravid** last Thursday when she married **Liron Kotler**, 33. The wedding was held at Jaffa port.

WITH GRAPES growing wild in her garden, **Susan Minkowich**, public relations director for Kedma educational projects, decided to make the vine the theme of her birthday party. Guests were invited to pick and take home all the grapes they could carry, and platters of stuffed vine leaves graced the buffet.